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OWEN COYLE

Good afternoon and a very warm welcome back to the Reebok Stadium for today's home fixture against Watford. Greetings also to Gianfranco Zola and all connected with our opponents, along with the match sponsors De Vere Venues Whites.

It's good to be back on home soil, as it's over three weeks since we last played a match here. It marks the start of a busy period of three matches in eight days, which is a run that affords us the opportunity to pick points up very quickly, and if we do this we will find ourselves very much back in the mix. The nature of this league and the frequency of games means that you can pick up a good run of points.

We have recouped four points out of a possible six available from the games against Derby County and Nottingham Forest. In reality, we feel that we should have taken the maximum because we had worked ourselves into a winning position and looked comfortable before conceding the equaliser.

Over the last couple of weeks, we have welcomed David Ngog back to the fold following his time on the sidelines with a back injury. He played well in the Development Squad's match at West Ham, scoring in the 2-0 win, and he has come through the last ten days training in very good shape.

David brings a different facet to our forward line, like each of our strikers do. When you get players returning who have missed games, it brings a freshness and there's no doubt that he is desperate to do well and make a big impact this year now that he is back fit again.

The players have worked hard on the training pitch during the two-week break from league action, with the exception of those who have been away with their respective international sides. The good thing is that the matches were on Tuesday evening and that allowed everyone to regroup at the training ground on Thursday, including Chung-Yong Lee who had to catch four flights back from South Korea's match with Uzbekistan.

We know when the international fixtures come around, and it was disappointing that we couldn't go into the break on a high following the result at Hull City. We gifted the game away at the KC Stadium with some individual mistakes and that was a source of frustration for everyone.

I have no doubt that by removing those self-inflicted problems, we will then go and win our matches. That's the way we are approaching it – we are being positive and the players understand that they are going into most matches expected to take all three points.

Equally, Bolton are perceived as a decent scalp by most clubs in this division and, as a result, we are playing against teams that are fired-up. We have to stand up and deal with that and if we do then it will reap positive points, but we have to be prepared to match what every opponent brings and counter that with our own quality.

We want to give the fans something to sing about and we have to make sure we reward the support we receive by turning in performances on the pitch. I have always had tremendous backing from our fans since returning and it is just as frustrating for me that we have not hit our maximum. One thing remains constant – I will give my all to ensure that we do.

Watford were very active the transfer window and they will be looking to respond from their 5-1 loss at Derby County last time out. They signed six players on deadline day that didn't feature in that game at Pride Park, so I imagine a number of them will come into their squad for this afternoon.

But from our perspective, we have to start today's game well and look to assert ourselves from the off.

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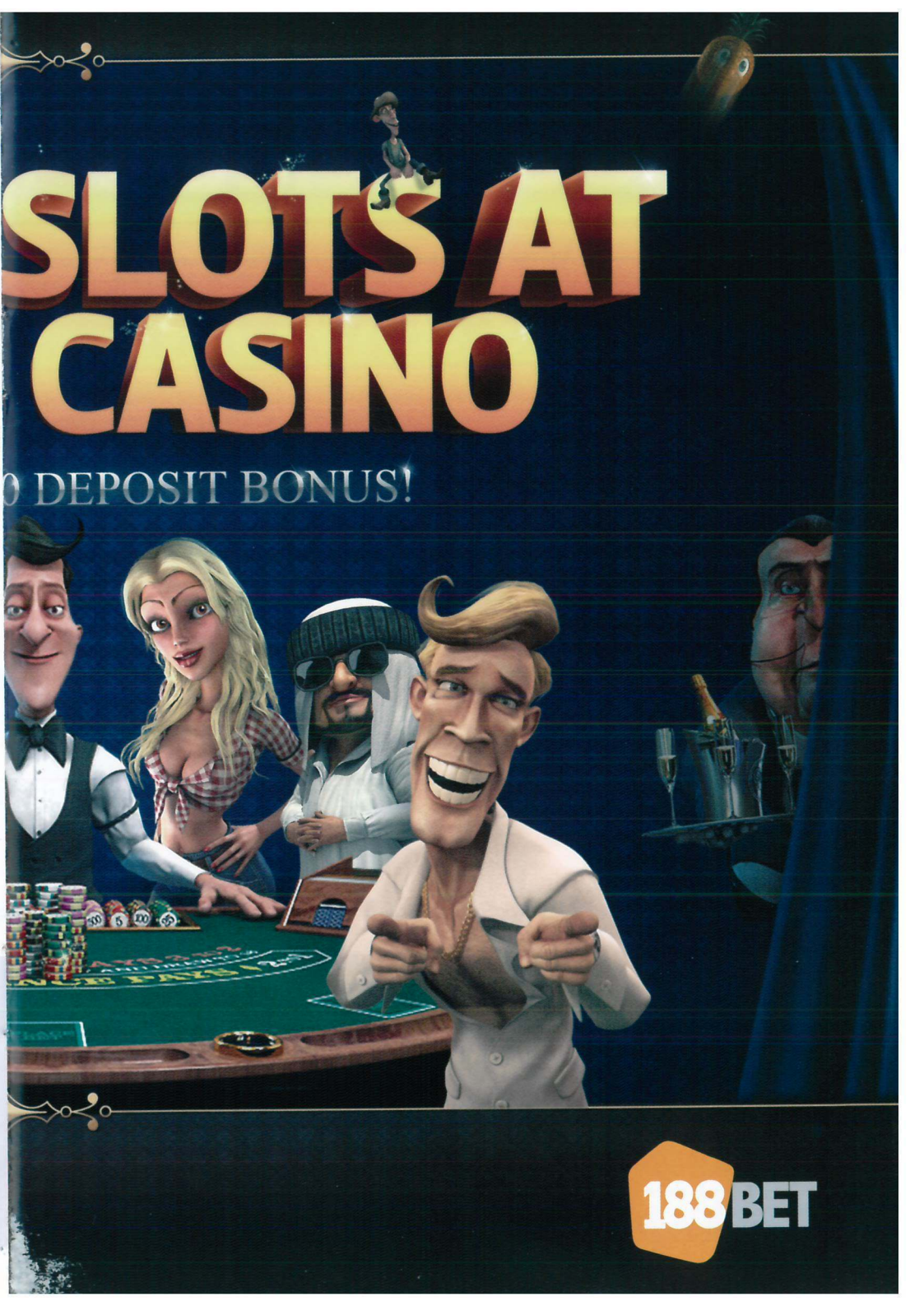
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CAPTAIN'S NOTES - KEVIN DAVIES



We have a big week ahead of us and there is the opportunity to collect up to nine points. The aim is simple - to get back to winning ways as soon as we can and to start climbing the league table.

A number of the lads have been away on international duty but that hasn't prevented us from doing a good, hard two weeks' training. We have spent the hours on the pitch and looked back over the videos. We got everybody back over the last few days and that has allowed us to do all the preparation we can.

We acknowledge that it hasn't been the best of starts to the season but there is no doom and gloom around. We have identified the areas we need to improve and, as I say, we are looking forward to working hard over the next week to put that right with the games coming up.

A focus has been on tightening things up defensively, not just the lads in the back four but as a team. There has been a few too many individual mistakes but as a unit we have to become more solid. Without the ball, we have been concentrating on defending as a team and making things harder for our opponents.

Whilst the results at Burnley and Hull were disappointing we must remember that there has been a decent start to the season at home with the four points against Derby and Nottingham Forest. We've created a lot of chances and today we will be looking to build on that, hopefully scoring a few goals along the way.

As for Watford, like any other club in this league, they will provide difficult opposition. They had a bad result last time out, losing 5-1

at Derby, so I'm sure they will have been working on their defence too. But this is definitely a game we believe we can win.

After Saturday, there are the two away matches and we will be looking to improve our form on the road because it hasn't been good enough so far. In recent years we have had some good results at St Andrew's - I think back to Chungy's last minute winner a couple of years ago and the FA Cup quarter-final in 2011 - so hopefully that can continue.

Then it's back home for me to Sheffield next weekend. I haven't played at Hillsborough for Bolton, so it will be interesting to see what reception I get with my Sheffield United connections. Again, we know it will be difficult because we are going to one of the traditional grounds in English football to play a team whose fans are renowned for getting behind them.

Finally, a few of you might have noticed me on the television last weekend when I was the guest on Fantasy Football Club on Sky Sports and Football Focus on BBC One. With the internationals, I had a free weekend and was happy to accept the invitations I received. It was all good fun and a career in the media is possibly something I'm looking to get into after my days playing football have finished.

The show on Friday was a good laugh and it was enjoyable to be in the company of Paul Merson, Fenners and Matthew Horne from the show Gavin and Stacey. As part of that I had to pick a team of the best players I have played with in my career, although one of the rules was that I am not allowed to choose any I'm playing with now.

Football Focus is obviously a bit more serious and it was interesting to get involved and do all the preparation work that's needed, with most of the discussion being about last weekend's international matches.

Anyhow, thanks for coming along today and for getting behind us all. Your support, as always, is invaluable.

KELLY THANKS THE FANS

Tony Kelly has thanked Bolton Wanderers fans for their support and well-wishes after he recently spent a period of time in hospital following a heart complaint.

The club's fans' liaison officer and Under-18s assistant coach said: "Everyone has been fantastic. What happened came as a great shock to me but I had real support and I offer my thanks to the fans. I've received lots of cards, texts, emails and messages on Twitter.

"Whilst I was in hospital I had visits and calls from lots of people in the game too. Tony Coton, Ray Stubbs,

Terry McDermott, Phil Thompson, Paul Jewell, Mark Seagraves and Alan Stubbs have all been in touch, along with the gaffer, all the staff here at the club and my good friend John McGinlay.

"I've been told that I have to take things easy for the next couple of months but hopefully I will soon be back to full fitness and be able to get out there and join in with the coaching again."



VELA SIDELINED

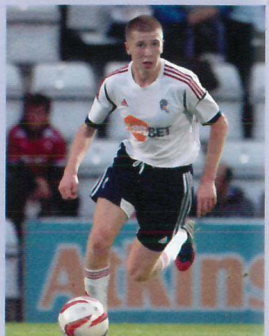
Josh Vela faces over three months on the sidelines after picking up an injury against Crawley Town.

Scans revealed that the midfielder, 18, injured the lateral ligament in his left knee after just six minutes in last month's Capital One Cup tie.

Manager Owen Coyle said: "Josh landed awkwardly and that is how the damage has been done.

"We feel for him because he had a period of injury last season, but he bounced back from that and appeared in the Premier League where he showed his quality.

"He will bounce back from this too and we will give him every ounce of help to make sure that he returns and becomes the top player that we all believe he can be."



HAPPY BIRTHDAY ELLIE BROOKS

Junior Whites member and Bolton Wanderers fan Ellie Brooks is being wished a very happy fourth birthday by all her family and friends. Love from Daddy, Mummy, Simon, Corey, Grandma, Emma, Nee-Nee & Dave.



TOURNAMENT SUCCESS FOR BOLTON CENTRAL STAFF MEMBER

Bolton Wanderers staff member Jonathan Elsegood has recently returned from Poland with a winners' medal after helping the Great British Amputee Football Team win the 'Four Nations' tournament.

Having arrived just an hour before the start of the tournament due to delayed flights, the team went on to beat Poland 'B' 11-0 and Poland 'A' 3-2 on the Saturday. On the Sunday, GB continued the good form by beating the Irish national team 8-0 in which Jonathan scored from close range.

In the last match of the tournament, GB broke down a determined Ukraine team with only ten minutes to go and ran out 4-0 winners.

Jonathan, who was playing in his first international tournament in seven years, said: "It was a good warm-up for the World Championships in October and the

team worked really hard under tough conditions.

"If we can continue to progress over the next few weeks then we have every chance of another successful trip. It was nice to get a goal against Ireland and also keep a few clean sheets."

The GB team now look forward to the Amputee Football World Championships in October when they will play nations that include Russia, Brazil, Poland, Ukraine, Turkey, Argentina and Japan.



LONERGAN ANSWERS YOUR QUESTIONS

Summer recruit Andy Lonergan recently took to the laptop to answer a number of questions that supporters had asked via the club's official Twitter account.

@harryleek: How quickly did you settle in at the club when you moved?

AL: "It took me about 30 minutes! I made friends straight away because they are a great bunch of lads here."

@mer1jak: Are you good at any other sports?

AL: "I'm actually a purple belt in Brazilian jiu jitsu. I also love my golf."

@BwfcGoals: Who is the joker in the squad?

AL: "Sparky is the chirpiest, but Chris Eagles makes me laugh all the time - his banter cracks me up."

@JosephRhian83: If you were Prime Minister for a day, what would you do?

AL: "I'd lower paye tax and make everyone listen to Oasis all the time. I'd also get rid of reality TV."

@kennybakkerbwfc: If you could take part in any Olympic event other than football what would it be?

AL: "Boxing. I really like my combat sports, although I also like the thought of being Usain Bolt."



@DanSumner85: What was the deal clincher to sign for Bolton knowing you weren't guaranteed 1st team football?

AL: "The chance to have a fair fight for the number one spot appealed to me. I also believe we'll go straight back up."

@JackCohen123: Who is your best friend in football?

AL: "Ex-PNE player Chris Sedgwick and ex-Blackpool player Simon Wiles."

@chris_1390: Who is the best goalkeeper you have trained with day in, day out?

AL: "Adam Bogdan. He's got everything needed to be a world class goalkeeper."

@_IsaacTurton: What football team did you support when you were a kid?

AL: "Preston North End."

@Seany123: If you were trapped on a desert island what 3 things would you bring with you?

AL: "My wife, daughter and dog."

EAGLES WINS MONTHLY CLUB AWARD

Chris Eagles has won the 188BET Player of the Month award for August.

The midfielder started three of Wanderers' four games throughout the course of the month, netting back-to-back goals in the games against Derby County and Nottingham Forest.

The former Manchester United and Burnley man followed this up by netting his third of the season at Hull City two weeks ago.

Eagles was a landslide winner, scooping over 70 percent of the fans' votes in an online poll ahead of Chung-Yong Lee and Kevin Davies.

1. Chris Eagles – 73 percent
2. Chung-Yong Lee – 13 percent
3. Kevin Davies – 10 percent

Speaking about his award, Eagles said: "I'd like to thank everyone who voted and hopefully they have seen that it means a lot to me to be here and play for Bolton Wanderers. I'd like to win a few more of these awards by the end of the season.

"It's been difficult for the fans because they have been frustrated with the start that we have made. But in this league, one win can change things and that can soon roll into two or three good results and before you know it, you move straight up the league."



FACE IN THE CROWD



'Face In The Crowd' continues with a photograph taken from the recent 2-2 draw against Nottingham Forest at the Reebok Stadium. This week, however, the club's kit department have generously opted to select two winners.

If you are either of these two supporters, you have won a money can't buy prize – a limited edition replica third shirt which will only be available for purchase in October. To claim the prize, simply email rurbani@bwfc.co.uk

The winner in the last edition of the programme was Tom Hewart. Here he is, pictured celebrating after collecting his prize from the Reebok Stadium last week.



BWCT HELPS TO LAUNCH NEW ROUNDERS INITIATIVE IN BOLTON

Rounders England star Dana Abdulkarim recently attended the launch of a new rounders project, Return2Rounders, at Ghosia Community Centre in Bolton.

The launch was to kick-off the new project which will encourage local women and girls to participate and become involved in the sport.

Bolton Wanderers Community Trust (BWCT) have joined forces with Rounders England, Bolton Council of Mosques and also Ghosia Community Youth Voice to provide targeted sessions for Muslim women and girls – aged over 16 in particular - to have the opportunity to take part in rounders sessions.

The launch of Return2 Rounders was a great success and 88 women signed up to be part of the project and attend local rounders sessions.

BWCT, with support from Rounders England, will not only provide sessions and exit roots but also provide opportunities for the local women to be up skilled and developed into coaches and leaders to benefit their local community.

BWCT Premier League 4Sport Manager Nicol Meredith will be running the project locally to support participation of women and girls and encourage them to support the sustainability of the 12-month project.

Dana Abdulkarim is the first Muslim woman to play on the international stage and represent her country from such a level. Dana is a fantastic ambassador for rounders and represents Muslim women greatly. Her encouragement and enthusiasm really inspired the local women to take up the sport and get involved.



Dana said: "It was a fantastic turn out by the local women and some great talent spotted. I am very keen to return during the programme to support the women on their pathway in rounders."

Rounders England North West Regional Officer Donna Vinten added: "It was fantastic to see the girls who attended the Return2Rounders launch and it demonstrates the popularity and appeal of the sport to women in the area.

"This marks the beginning of a successful partnership between BWCT and Rounders England to ensure people play rounders more often through accessible initiatives such as Return2Rounders."

For more details on the project contact project coordinator Nicol Meredith on 01204 673 790, alternatively email on nmeredith@bwct.org.uk or visit www.roundersengland.co.uk for regular updates.

DUO ATTEND JUNIOR WHITES PARTY

Wanderers stars Adam Bogdan and Benik Afobe were the star guests at the annual Junior Whites Start of Season Party at the Reebok Stadium a couple of Thursdays ago as they popped in to spend the evening with their young fans.

The evening commenced with a question and answer session where the pair were quizzed on their best friends in the football, the biggest joker in the dressing room, their targets for the season and the usual Junior Whites question - 'what car do you drive?'

Adam and Benik were then taught the rules of 'Play Your Cards Right' and 'Corners' and they put their new skills into practice to play the games with the children and their volunteering parents.

The evening was rounded off with a busy signing session and when the players departed for the evening, the Junior Whites continued their party with more games and dancing with Lofty the Lion.



BWFCISS BREAK NEW GROUND IN ANTIGUA

The Bolton Wanderers International Soccer School have once again been branching out, this time returning from a successful week-long stay in the Caribbean island of Antigua.

The camp was the launch of 'Generation Next' - a new football club on the island, with a vision for the future of Antiguan football.

BWFCISS coaches Lee Bennett and Mark Charlesworth delivered both classroom and coaching sessions to 105 players over the course of the week.

The classroom sessions helped to introduce Bolton Wanderers as a football club to the attending players, particularly outlining the four A's philosophy - attitude, athleticism, ability and ambition. The lessons also covered nutrition, sports psychology, goal setting and motivation.

On the pitch, the coaches worked on passing and receiving, awareness and drilled home the two seconds-two touch philosophy. The players showed a great attitude over the course of the week and as a result improved dramatically.



Daily tests were also carried out to highlight the players' strengths and abilities, with the results showing that there are some real athletes within the squad at Generation Next.

Towards the end of the week, Mark Charlesworth also hosted a coach education session to local coaches, which was extremely well attended.

THE BWFCISS and Generation Next believe that this is the start of a long and fruitful partnership.

IN MEMORIAM - CHARLEY MELVYN HARDMAN

Charley Melvyn Hardman, pictured here with his eldest brother Kaden, was born with a heart beat on Thursday 23 August at 15:48, weighing exactly 6lbs.

He was loved, cuddled and cherished for six wonderful hours. A strong little fighter, who blessed his family with such joy and happiness and defied the odds to be held, kissed and loved.

Bolton Wanderers remember Charley's parents Michael and Kaye Hardman and all the family at this difficult time of loss.





CHRIS EAGLES



GOAL-DEN EAGLES ON THE HUNT AGAIN

AFTER NETTING IN EACH OF HIS LAST THREE LEAGUE STARTS, CHRIS EAGLES DISCUSSES HIS GOOD FORM, REFLECTS ON HIS TIME WITH WATFORD AND OFFERS AN INSIGHT INTO HIS INTERESTS AWAY FROM FOOTBALL

WORDS: ROB URBANI

Chris Eagles understandably has a soft spot for Watford Football Club.

Born in Hemel Hempstead, the 26-year-old was first taught the game a couple of miles down the M1 at the Hornets' School of Excellence.

Having been snapped up in his early teens by Manchester United, Eagles didn't forget the platform Watford had provided. He returned five years later, enjoying two separate loan spells back at Vicarage Road which included a starring role in their successful promotion-winning season of 2005/06.

Speaking at length to the official matchday programme, Eagles recalls his days with Watford - but highlights why he will be determined to take the sting out of the visitors' tails this afternoon.



Chris, you began at Watford when you were younger so is it a club that you hold close to your heart?

Yes because they started me out in my professional career. Watford were brilliant – they provided me with a stepping stone and that's why I went back there on loan several years later. Wherever I've been I've had good people around me and have been coached well, and that started at Watford.

I was seven when I started playing for them, with my dad insisting that I still did all my school activities at the same time. He didn't want me to miss out on my childhood. My parents did a lot for me when I was younger and I will always be grateful for that.

A guy called Chris Cummins was a big influence because he worked with me throughout the youth age groups at Watford. There were some good players there at that time, players that have gone on to have successful careers. Ashley Young was a couple of years older than me although I actually used to play up in that age group.

Whilst I was with Watford, I also played for Paul Elliott's football academy. After he retired through injury, he set up a football school in Essex and Kent. I'd be training with Watford on a Tuesday and playing matches on a Saturday, while with Paul Elliott I'd be training on a Thursday and also playing midweek matches all over London. It was a busy and chaotic schedule really. ▶

You left Watford to move to Manchester United. Tell us a bit about that.

When I was 13, I was scouted whilst playing for Paul Elliott's academy team and I went to Arsenal and Tottenham for a short time. I'm from North London and these are big clubs in that area, plus I used to go watching Spurs too because my dad was a season ticket holder.

I was actually close to signing for Arsenal, however, it was a time when Ryan Giggs and David Beckham were playing and seeing how they had come through, it helped to make my decision to join Manchester United, who had also wanted me to sign for them.

In many ways, it was also a hard decision. People don't realise that I had to leave my friends and family behind to go and live in Manchester on my own.

The footballing side of things wasn't too bad because it's a sport that you can play anywhere in the world, but the school life was difficult. The lads would sometimes be a bit funny with me because I was a Londoner, plus if they were a City fan it didn't go down too well that I was playing for United.



You made 17 first team appearances in total whilst at Old Trafford. How do you summarise your time with Manchester United and the two loan spells back at Watford during that time?

It was a dream come true to play for Manchester United and I thank everyone who helped to make it happen. I remember everything; my debut at Leeds when I was just 17 and my first game in Premier League against Everton.

Like any player, I just wanted to play matches and the first time I went back to Watford Ray Lewington was the coach. It was just after Christmas time and I was there for about three or four months in the second half of the 2004/05 season.

I went back again at a similar time the following season - Aidy Boothroyd was in charge and we got promoted to the Premier League. In the squad at that time was Ashley Young, Marlon King and Adrian Mariappa - there was a very good team and we deserved to go up by beating Leeds in the final at Cardiff.

One thing I do recall about it is that it was tough. Like now, there were games on Saturday, Tuesday, Saturday, Tuesday. But we accumulated the points, kept climbing the table and had the momentum when we qualified for the play-offs.

The Watford fans were always good to me and they realised that I had come through their youth system.

One player in the Watford team from that time is Lloyd Doyley, who is still there now and has played over 350 matches. What can you say about him?

Doyley's a good friend of mine and actually grew up near me. He's a really nice lad, has been there for a very long time and recently had his testimonial. I believe that he is underestimated and is one of the best defenders in the Championship. What he has done for Watford is very rare to find.



After winning the play-offs with Watford, you later moved to Burnley and earned promoted there too. Looking at our aims with Bolton this season, it's fair to say that you know what it takes to get out of this division. It's tough. At the moment we haven't taken as many points as we would have liked but it's a long, hard season.

Two wins back-to-back and you move right up and are in the hunt again. That's what you have to remember and it's why I'm not panicking. If we get three points against Watford, I'm sure everyone will start believing again.

Personally, how pleased are you with the way you have started the season with the three goals scored already?

I just take things game by game and scoring three goals already is nice. Everyone knows that I always set out at the beginning of the season aiming for double figures. I missed out by three last year which I was disappointed with.



Every day I work hard on my crossing, free-kicks and finishing and so it is good to see it pay off. There are a couple of us who stay out after training to practice extra – it's like anything in life, you can never be perfect and you have to work at things.

It stems back from my days at Manchester United because the people there always encouraged you to do extra, knowing that the rewards will come from that. It's always been inbuilt in me.

How have you found it so far this season playing on the left-hand side of midfield?

I love that position – it's one of my preferred positions, along with playing in the hole. The good thing about being on the left is that I can dribble out and in and get a shot away, whereas on the right you have to create that inch of space to get a cross in. They are two very different positions and people don't realise that it can take a couple of games to get used to playing there, but we have been working on it a lot in training.

I don't want to become a player who can only play in one position. I want to be quite versatile but, at the end of the day, I'll play anywhere. If the gaffer asked me to go to left-back or right-back, I will do it because I just want to play and help the team.



Whilst we are on the subject of goals, is there anything you can say about your dance celebrations?

I don't know what it is! When you score a goal, the emotions take over and it's something that happens there and then in the moment. They aren't the best of celebrations but I don't really practice them.

And finally Chris, just a few words on what you like to do away from football. Do you have any keen hobbies or particular interests?

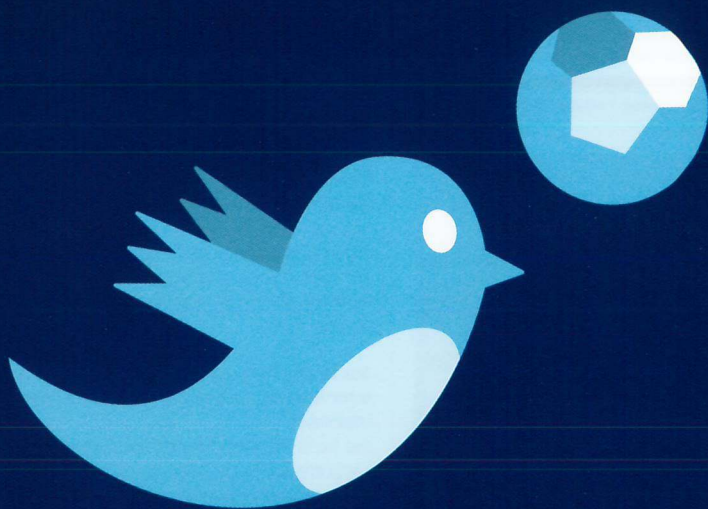
I've been learning Spanish for a year-and-a-half and I now know enough to get along. I've stopped doing that for the time being though because I felt like I was hitting a wall with the progress.

I believe that to be able to speak a foreign language completely fluently you have to be put in a situation where you can't speak English. If I was to speak to Marcos, for example, we would start in Spanish, the conversation would break down after a while and then we would end up talking in English.

I'm also starting to learn the piano and guitar, and I've got lessons booked in for the next couple of weeks. I've got a baby grand piano at home and I haven't got a clue where to start with it! But I love my music and always listen to it. A lot of my friends are DJs and MCs too.

I also like taking my dog for a walk, watching films and just spending time with friends. It's nice to see my family but it's difficult because they live down south. That said, they came up for the last home match against Nottingham Forest, and so it was good to score in front of them.





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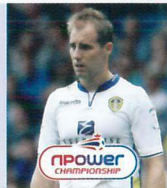
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In quick succession, there will then be the short journey over to Sheffield Wednesday on Saturday 22 September. The cost of travel is £15 and coaches will be leaving the Reebok at 12noon.

This game at Hillsborough is expected to be very busy on the Travel Club, so we will be departing from Car Park C instead of Car Park A. Please ensure you are there in good time to board the coaches.

All under-16s must be accompanied by an adult and each adult can be responsible for a maximum of three children. Failure to comply to this rule will result in refusal of travel - this is for the safety of all travellers.

DATE	OPPONENTS	KICK-OFF	PRICE	DEPARTURE TIME	COACH MILES STICKERS
TUE 18 SEP 12	BIRMINGHAM CITY	7.45PM	£16	4PM	2
SAT 22 SEP 12	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	3PM	£15	12NOON	2
SAT 6 OCT 12	MILLWALL	3PM	£25	8AM	4
TUE 23 OCT 12	WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS	7.45PM	£16	4PM	2
SAT 27 OCT 12	MIDDLESBROUGH	3PM	£17	11.30AM	2
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BIRMINGHAM CITY V BOLTON WANDERERS

TUESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER, 7.45PM KICK-OFF



ON THE ROAD



Capacity of St Andrew's: 30,009

Miles from the Reebok to St Andrew's and back: 203

The number of points Birmingham City recorded at home last season: 47

It was all change in the summer at St Andrew's as Chris Hughton moved on to Carrow Road, with former Huddersfield Town boss Lee Clark taking up the managerial reins.

In the first managerial role of his career, Clark, 39, broke Football League records as manager of Huddersfield, leading the team to an unbeaten run of 43 domestic league games over two seasons.

Clark's first business was to make a number of recruits as Peter Lovenkrands, David Lucas, Hayden Mullins and Darren Ambrose all came through the door. Former Manchester United midfielder

Ravel Morrison also put pen-to-paper on a season-long loan deal from parent club West Ham United.

This is Birmingham's second season back in the Championship having been relegated from the Premier League at the end of the 2010/11 campaign. Last term they valiantly battled for promotion but fell in the play-off semi-finals after losing to Blackpool 3-2 over two legs.

The man that the Wanderers back-four will need to keep a particular eye on is Marlon King, who bagged 18 goals in all competitions for Blues last season.

Last Time We Were There...

Birmingham 2 Bolton 1 – April 2011

Bolton's last visit to St Andrew's was two seasons ago when the home side took all three points in a 2-1 win. Kevin Phillips and Craig Gardner were on target for Birmingham, with Johan Elmander's strike 20 minutes before full-time setting up a nervous ending. Just weeks earlier, Bolton had played there and won 3-2 in an FA Cup quarter-final tie.



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Parking: There is a small car park directly outside the entrance to the away end, but availability of space for cars is determined by how many away coaches are expected as they park in the same car park. There are also some local schools and firms that offer parking facilities for around £5.

By Train: There are regular trains running from Bolton to Birmingham New Street, with a change at Manchester Piccadilly. The train journey takes between two and two-and-a-half hours. Fans should note that the last train departing back to Bolton after the full-time whistle is at 9.57pm, arriving back at Bolton at 12.30am. Otherwise, be prepared to get back through your front door at 4.30am after a four-hour wait at Manchester Piccadilly.

From The Station: When arriving at New Street Station in the city centre, either walk to Moor Street station (five minutes) and catch a train to Bordesley, which is a five-minute walk from St Andrew's. Alternatively, from New Street, grab a taxi to St Andrew's for about £6-£8 or embark on the half-hour walk.

Where To Drink: Most of the pubs near to the ground can be quite intimidating for away supporters and are not recommended. However there is The Brighton on the Coventry Road which does tolerate away fans in small numbers. Alternatively, try The Cricketers Arms on Little Green Lane which is a ten-minute walk from the ground, or drink in the city centre.



TOP TEN OLYMPIANS



WORDS: MARK HEYS

The 2012 Olympic Games in London brought together a collection of the world's finest athletes in a number of sporting events and, for a man who has played for both of today's teams, it was a chance to take part in a unique piece of sporting history.

Not for 50 years had Great Britain submitted a football team for the Olympics, so it was very much a trip into the unknown for players like Marvin Sordell, which capped-off a busy six months for the striker since he had made the move from Watford to Bolton.

Marvin appeared in two matches for 45 minutes each; against Senegal at Old Trafford and the United Arab Emirates at Wembley Stadium. He nearly got on the scoresheet in the final minute of his first game for Team GB when hitting the woodwork.

In this issue we take a look at ten other Olympiads or Olympic moments where by players with Wanderers connections had the distinction of being part of such a prestigious event, starting with a rather surprise addition to the Austria team of the 1936 games in Berlin.

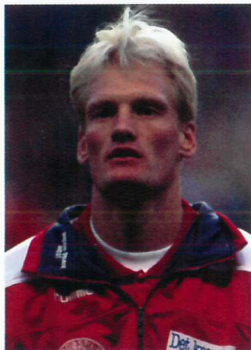
① Hogan's Austrians Impress In Berlin

Jimmy Hogan was regarded as a coach with methods and tactics well ahead of time. Born in nearby Nelson, he had appeared as an inside-forward for a number of clubs, most notably Bolton and Burnley. However, it was his abilities as a coach in many countries, at a time when foreign managers had been scarce, that he shone through. In 1936 he led a much unfancied Austria team to the final of the games where they lost out in controversial fashion to Peru following a crowd invasion.



② No Luck For The Danes In Barcelona

It was nearly 60 years later that future Wanderers favourites Per Frandsen, Michael Johansen and Stig Tofting joined together in the early part of their careers to represent Denmark. The Danes finished bottom of Group D yet their standing was just one point behind second placed Australia who qualified for the knockout stage. Frandsen and Tofting appeared in every group game at the heart of the midfield but winger Johansen was left a frustrated onlooker from the substitutes' bench.



③ Jay-Jay Wins Gold

Jay-Jay Okocha is the only ever player to have played for Bolton and won a gold medal at an Olympic Games. The tricky Nigerian midfielder joined other well-known Super Eagles players such as Kanu, Celestine Babayaro, Taribo West and Daniel Amokachi to win Gold in 1996 in Atlanta ahead of the pre-tournament favourites Argentina and Brazil.



④ Disappointment For Duo In Atlanta

Another African, Radhi Jaidi, endured a disappointing group campaign with Tunisia at the same games in America, losing all three matches. Hidetoshi Nakata just missed out on qualifying to the knockout stages with Japan by the finest of margins.



⑤ French Trio Come Close

Also at Atlanta 1996, Vincent Candela, Martin Djetou and Florent Laville helped the French to gain seven points from a possible nine in their Group B schedule with the only blemish being a draw with Spain where they succumbed to a late goal from the Barcelona midfielder Oscar. Disaster later struck for the defensive trio as their Olympic dream was ended at the quarter-final stage by Portugal.



⑥ Mixed Fortunes In Sydney

12 years ago, midfielder Blessing Kaku upset hosts Australia as the Nigeria team he was part of qualified from Group A, alongside Italy. As a result, this left the Socceroos out of the tournament. The Super Eagles could not repeat their success from four years previous and went out in the quarter-finals along with a Japan team containing Hidetoshi Nakata. For South Africa's Quinton Fortune it was an early trip back to Manchester United as the Bafana Bafana finished joint bottom of their group.



⑦ Stuart Scores In Beijing

Current Wanderer Stuart Holden scored the only goal for the USA in their opening game of the Beijing games against Japan. He appeared against Holland and Nigeria thereafter but four points for the stars and stripes could not guarantee qualification to the latter stages.



⑧ Chungy Breaks Through

At the same games in 2008, a 20-year-old winger by the name of Lee Chung-Yong showed experience beyond his years as South Korea missed out on qualification to the quarter-finals by a solitary point. The midfielder had made his full international debut just a matter of weeks before the Olympic event and his early promise in the China games prompted then coach Hun Jung-Moo to promote him to the seniors on a regular basis where he has flourished ever since.



⑨ Team GB In London

The aforementioned Marvin Sordell played his part in the Team GB squad this summer, but for one ex-Wanderer in Daniel Sturridge of Chelsea this summer's tournament was one of mixed success. The striker led Britain's Olympic scoring charts with goals against UAE and Uruguay in qualifying but his tournament ended on a sour note when he missed the decisive penalty against South Korea in a shoot-out in Cardiff.



⑩ Rodrigo Features For Spain At 2012 Games

World and European champions Spain, with a side containing ex-Bolton loanee Rodrigo Moreno, disappointed massively at the 2012 games when so much was expected of them. Rodrigo featured in two out of his country's three games but defeats to Japan and Honduras as well as a draw with Morocco meant that one of the pre-tournament favourites took an early flight home.



Bolton as a town itself had a clutch of Olympic representatives this year with cyclist Jason Kenny winning two gold medals, Stuart Stokes appearing in the steeplechase, Jennifer Taylor at Volleyball and Edward Scott and Robyn Nicholls at Water Polo



It is undecided as to whether there will be a Great Britain team at the 2016 event in Rio de Janeiro but Olympic football has certainly played its part in the careers of a few Wanderers players down the years.



TONY CALDWELL

ONCE THE SPARK IN WANDERERS' FRONTLINE, 80s HERO TONY CALDWELL'S LIFE HAS NOW GONE FULL CIRCLE

WORDS: ASHLEY LAMBELL

Imagine in the current football world, an electrician who is playing in the non-league turns up at a Football League club and impresses so much that he wins a professional contract.

Finding it hard to picture? Well that is exactly what happened to former Wanderers hotshot Tony Caldwell nearly 30 years ago.

Plucked from the local leagues back in the 80s, Caldwell went on to make 175 appearances for the club, scoring 78 goals and earning his way into the Wanderers history books.

"Although it only seems like five minutes ago, it was 1983 when I joined Bolton. At the time I was playing in the Cheshire League for Horwich RMI as well as working as an electrician which was what I initially did when I left school," he explained.

It didn't take Caldwell long to 'spark' his footballing career into life though and it was his local club that was to prove an influential factor in his entry into the footballing pyramid, albeit through a slightly unorthodox situation.

He continued: "I was offered a summer trial by Bolton and managed to play a full pre-season but I wasn't sure whether they would give me a full-time contract. Fortunately for me, another of the strikers pulled his hamstring against Wimbledon, I scored two goals in the next game and the club gave me a professional deal.

"During that summer I also had a trial at Leeds United, who were in a higher league at the time, but I decided to take the chance at Bolton because I knew they'd give me more games and it was also more local to where I was living."

But despite being given the chance to impress at Burnden Park, life wasn't as rosy as it might have seemed for Caldwell, who was struggling to adapt to life as a full-time professional player.

"The training was so intense and at first I couldn't handle it! I was ill every day after training and was living on a diet of Lucozade and water, so it was a really difficult time for me," he admitted.

The new diet must have had some sort of positive effect though as just a few weeks later, Caldwell took part in a game that will remain etched in his, and Wanderers fans', memories for many years to come.

"My fifth game as a professional footballer was against Walsall and I managed to score five times in an easy victory. I think it still stands as a club record for goals scored in a game by one player, so that is something that I'm particularly proud of.

"Even when I go back to the club now or if I walk around in Bolton, people still recognise me as 'that bloke who scored five goals in a game' but I don't mind that too much.

"I always backed myself as a goalscorer and even when I made the step up from non-league I was confident I could find the net regularly because the goals don't change size. So for me it was all about taking the chance I'd been given and seeing where that would take me."

Considering the level of wages that footballers are being paid nowadays, Caldwell revealed a statistic that proves just how much salaries have increased in the game and how far away they are from the earnings of the average person.

He said: "People wouldn't believe it these days but at the time I was earning more as an electrician than I was as a professional footballer. Now, the high level professional footballer earns as much money in a week as I probably did in my whole career!

"But it was a dream come true for me to play professional football for my local side so I couldn't miss that opportunity. To get that break was amazing because you never expect it to happen to you. ►



Horwich RMI 1983 : Tony Caldwell, third left back row



"I'd been playing in the local leagues and for five-a-side teams for years but I never really imagined that a club like Bolton would come knocking at my door."

Caldwell's dream of playing for Wanderers was enhanced by the superb reception he received from the Burnden Park faithful and he believes it was the love from the supporters which made it an even harder decision when he had to leave the club in 1987.

He recalled: "The supporters at Bolton were absolutely superb and I thoroughly enjoyed my time there. Because I was a goalscorer, I was treated like a bit of a hero so that wasn't too bad.

"As players we used to go to nightclubs in Bolton and we'd always be recognised and have a chat with the fans which was fantastic.

"I never wanted to leave Bolton because I was enjoying it so much but circumstances meant that I had to. I didn't get on with the manager (Phil Neal) and Bristol City were offering a lot more money so it made sense to go down there."

The striker went on to play for a number of clubs that also included Chester City, Grimsby Town, Stockport County and non-league side Chorley before he finally packed up the game 22 years ago.

With Wanderers, he finished with a total of 78 goals in all competitions – a statistic which puts him in 24th place on the club's all-time top goalscoring chart.

Departing Bolton on bad terms was never an issue for Caldwell though and the Lancastrian still has many friends at the club, insisting that his passion for the Wanderers is still as strong as ever and that he wants to see the current crop at the top of the Championship this season.

"The transfer went to a tribunal so it was out of my hands and eventually I moved down to Bristol but looking back, I would love to have stayed at Bolton if things had been different," he said. "Everything happens for a reason though and I still have a great relationship with the club.

"I still go regularly to the Reebok and watch plenty of games. I often get invited by the club and I love going up there and seeing all of the old faces and ex-players again – it's a good laugh.

"Bolton are not like some other clubs that I know. They do absolutely everything for you as a former player and if I ever come up to a game, their hospitality is superb and it makes it an enjoyable experience to come back."



Caldwell has high hopes for Wanderers this season, although he admits that they face a tough task to head back to the top tier at the first time of asking.

"Personally, I think it is a lot tougher in the Championship because teams don't allow you that space to play football and they close you down much quicker," he confessed.

"There are so many teams like Leicester, Blackpool and Blackburn that will be challenging for promotion that it is going to be really difficult for Bolton to bounce back straight away."

A swashbuckling career in football may have made Caldwell a household name in the Bolton area but he has now gone back to the more modest surrounding of electrical wires after a surprising choice of career when he left the beautiful game.

"These days I'm back on the tools and almost back where I started. I finished playing football back in 1990 and then went on to own an off-license for ten years which isn't something you'd expect from a footballer I suppose.

"But in the end I sold the shop and went back to doing electrical work just because I enjoy it so much. It is the job I was qualified to do when I left school so it almost feels like I've come full circle and am back to where I was before I played for Bolton."

For most ex-footballers, the route into coaching or management is the usual and expected path but for Caldwell it was never going to be an option and instead he prefers to carry on working and play the occasional five-a-side game when called upon.

He said: "Plenty of people have suggested that I get into coaching or management but that's just not what I want to do. Lads that I played with like Sam Allardyce, David Moyes and Phil Brown have been coaching since they retired so they are used to it and it is all they know, but it isn't my cup of tea.

"I'm happy working on the tools and being able to go down to the Reebok and see the lads play on a regular basis - it is a perfect combination for me!"



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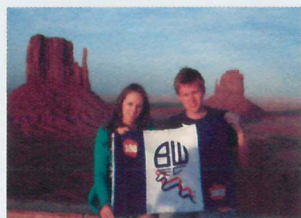
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Laura Hay and her friend weren't able to make it to Bolton's FA Cup semi-final against Stoke City a couple of years ago. Nevertheless, they still cheered on the Whites whilst on holiday in Monument Valley, USA.



Sam Berry (aged ten) and **Lucas Berry** (aged eight) were mascots for the pre-season friendly against Barcelona B and as a result were invited to be part of the team photo ahead of kick-off.



Emily Clinton is proudly pictured wearing the new Bolton away shirt for 2012/13 ahead of the first home match of the season against Derby County a few weeks ago.

Danny Taylor has been spreading the Wanderers word over in Asia. Here he is proudly wearing his Bolton shirt in Maya Bay, Thailand.



Warrington-based supporter **Lucy Weir** reckons she was given the best 16th birthday present when fans' favourite Stuart Holden signed her Bolton shirt ahead of the home game versus Tottenham last season.



Adam Tunnah and **Lisa Standeven** grabbed a quick photograph with the club's number one, **Adam Bogdan**, ahead of the game against Ayr United on the pre-season tour to Scotland.



Chris Mellnic has sent in this photo of him pictured alongside **Stuart Holden** from when the squad were over in the midfielder's homeland last season. This was taken ahead of the friendly against FC Tampa Bay at the Al Lang Stadium.

THE 1993/94 SEASON

RIOCH'S REVIVAL – PART ONE

WORDS: MARTIN DEAN



Bolton had been in the lower divisions for 11 years and in his first season, Bruce Rioch had delivered a promotion to the Championship.

Times were changing at Burnden Park and good times they turned out to be. Rioch, alongside assistant Colin Todd, were not going to rest on their laurels, however, and they began their quest for laying a great foundation for Bolton Wanderers Football Club.

Moving into 1993-94 the aim was to continue the progress but this was set amongst the backdrop of an injury to leading goalscorer Andy Walker the previous April. The Scotsman, who had equalled a post-war club record set by legend Nat Lofthouse (twice) of 33 goals in a season, would be hard to replace, but Bruce and Colin were doing the business in the transfer market.

The squad just needed adjusting rather than wholesale changes. Rioch said from the outset how it would be a difficult task during this season, going up a division and having to replace a prolific marksman. Everybody needed to understand it would be much harder this time around.

Jimmy Phillips came home when the Wanderers re-signed him for £100,000 from Middlesbrough. The left-back had previously played under the manager at Boro, so he knew exactly what to expect.

Youngster Alan Thompson arrived for £250,000 from Newcastle United and the highly recommended striker Owen Coyle joined after a tribunal set a fee of £250,000 to pay his former club Airdrie in Scotland.

Grimsby Town was the setting for the opening day of the season, with a huge Bolton following witnessing a scoreless draw. The next weekend, Burnden Park's first second tier match since Chelsea had visited in 1983 saw Owen Coyle score on his home debut against Stoke City who had been promoted along with the Whites. A 1-1 draw was the outcome.

A two legged Coca-Cola Cup tie with local rivals Bury was a lucky escape, Wanderers only winning a penalty shootout at Gigg Lane. A heavy 3-0 defeat at Charlton followed, before a first league victory over Oxford United an excellent win at Luton, with John McGinlay scoring all the goals in the 1-0 and 2-0 victories respectively.

Sheffield Wednesday then won a two-legged Coca Cola Cup tie 2-1 on aggregate – funny enough the first tie saw the Yorkshire club wearing Bolton's yellow away shirts as they had forgot to bring their change of strip.



The TV cameras were present at Burnden at the end of September for the visit of Nottingham Forest and it was proof that Bolton could hold their own against anyone in the league. After being two goals down, the Wanderers hit back to level before going behind again. However, after making it 3-3, up popped 'Darwen Terrier' Mark Patterson to hit the winner four minutes from time.

As October came it was probably the club's worst spell of the season. Six league games reaped just one victory, accepting that four fixtures were away from home. Millwall were the side that Bolton put to the sword after an all-round team performance. Goals from Jason McAteer, David Lee and a brace from John McGinlay saw the South Londoners 4-0 losers.

The only downside to the impressive win over Millwall was the injury to goalkeeper Keith Branagan who aggravated a knee problem in the warm up. Understudy Aidan Davidson (right) took over and Branagan was out for the season.



Jason McAteer, who was 21 at the time, was getting better as each match passed by and the Wanderers fans knew that a young gem had been unearthed. The Merseysider was compared to Peter Reid in his younger days at Bolton and his emergence was remarkable when you consider he only made his debut 18 months earlier after a move from non-league Marine.

'Macca' was forming an effective partnership with fellow Liverpoolian Tony Kelly who was enjoying the best spell of his career with Bolton.

The barren spell in October culminated with a 4-3 defeat at Watford. Wanderers had led 3-0 with just 20 minutes left on the clock, but the Hornets ran out 4-3 victors. Afterwards, boss Rioch said that it was 'wholly unacceptable for Bolton Wanderers Football Club'.

It was around this time the club entered the Anglo-Italian Cup, a throwback to the 1970s when clubs competed against Italian outfits in pre-season.

Brescia was the most entertaining home fixture with the great Romanian star Gheorge Hagi on display. It was an eye-opener as the Italians put on a show in a 3-3 draw. Next up was a first for the club - a venture on foreign soil for a competitive fixture, with Pisa the place and a 1-1 draw keeping Bolton in the competition.

As FA Cup time arrived in November, Northern Premier League outfit Gretna switched their tie from their home ground to Burnden Park, and boy what a performance they gave! They led 2-1 with ten minutes left on the clock with Bolton fans knowing that the club had never lost to a non-league club in the FA Cup. Nerves were jangling before Owen Coyle (below) scored twice in five minutes to put Wanderers in the draw for round two.



During November, the Whites got in their stride. John McGinlay scored in a 1-0 victory over Middlesbrough on Teesside and then, on a cold night at Burnden three days later, Crystal Palace were swept aside by 'Super John'.

In the second round of the FA Cup, Lincoln City were seen off 3-1 at Sincil Bank in front of the Sky cameras. Bolton were now on a roll, ten games unbeaten until the end of 1993.

A highest league gate of the season of 18,496 saw the visit of Sunderland on the 27 December. Just before that, four days before Christmas, Wanderers and their loyal fans flew to Italy to play Ascoli and, despite being unbeaten in the competition previously, they progressed no further.

Cup fever was about to hit the town as the third round of the FA Cup was about to be drawn from the bag - Everton at Burnden...

****Part two continues in the Crystal Palace programme***

SCHOLARS CONTINUE THE EARLY SEASON FORM

Bolton Wanderers Under-18s have made a fantastic start to the season and proudly sit at the top of the table after three rounds of fixtures. After the 5-1 win over Arsenal on the opening weekend, the scholars followed this up with a 2-2 draw away at Norwich and a comprehensive 3-1 victory over West Ham United.



NORWICH CITY 2 BOLTON WANDERERS 2

Zach Clough continued his early season form as he netted both goals in the 2-2 draw at Norwich City.

The young striker, who finished with the Golden Boot in the pre-season Milk Cup tournament in Northern Ireland, put the Whites ahead on 31 minutes when he converted from an acute angle following good work down the right from Tom Youngs.

Norwich came out after half-time and scored an equaliser when Rian Carroll side-footed past Jan Ole Sievers after a cross from the left had been played into the Wanderers box.

Carroll grabbed his and the Canaries' second of the game with 19 minutes remaining with a deflected shot from the edge of the penalty box.

But Bolton secured a point in the final minute when Clough was on hand inside the area to calmly turn a long throw into the back of the net.

Speaking after the game, Head Coach David Lee said: "Overall, it was a pleasing performance and a great experience because we had travelled on the Friday, endured a seven-hour journey and the stayed in a hotel overnight.

"We started well in the first half and created numerous chances throughout the game. We showed character to come from 2-1 down and deserved to score an equaliser late in the match."

Wanderers: Sievers, Matthews, Hendrie (Nolan 60), Holding, Gibson, Woodland, Newby, Bailey, Clough, Iliev, Youngs



BOLTON WANDERERS 3 WEST HAM UNITED 1

Chris Lester, Rob Holding and Tom Youngs were all on target as the scholars took their points tally to seven from the nine that have been available during the opening three matches.

The Whites took a 1-0 lead into half-time with the breakthrough goal arriving inside the opening ten minutes through instinctive play from Lester, who was on-hand to turn the ball into the back of the net after Zach Clough's effort had rebounded off the post.

Bolton stepped their performance up another level in the second half and they scored a second when a corner dropped to Holding inside the box, with the central defender scoring from close-range.

The Hammers halved the deficit midway through the second period, but Bolton responded immediately to restore the two-goal advantage on 71 minutes.

After Luke Woodland had won possession in midfield, Clough backheeled the ball to Youngs, who smashed a 16-yard effort into the back of the net to secure the win.

Head Coach David Lee said: "Again, this was another pleasing performance with all individual players doing very well.

"We made a good start to the game and then produced and even better performance in the second half. It was a controlled performance."

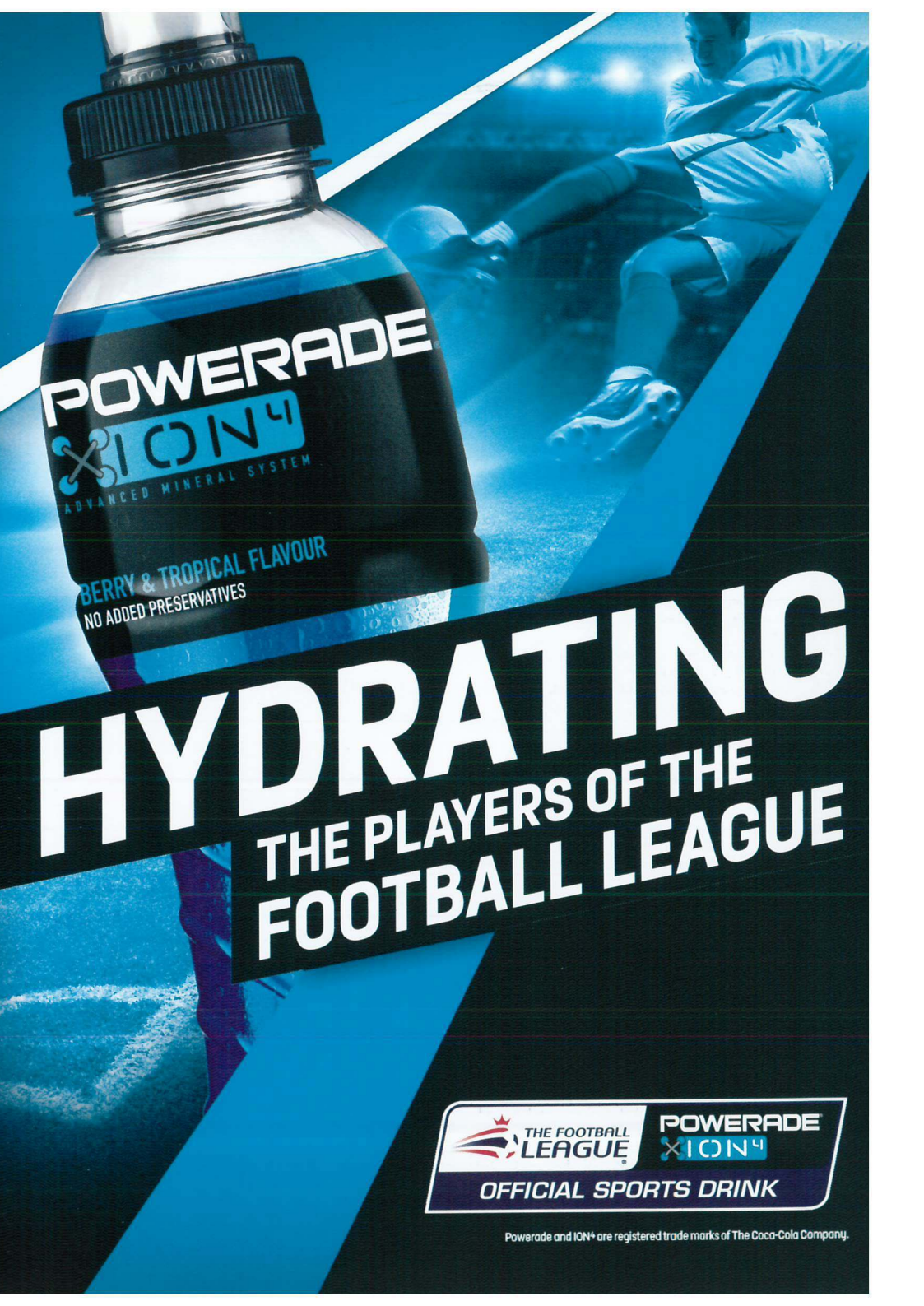
Wanderers: Sievers, Nolan, Matthews, Holding, Gibson, Bailey, Lester, Woodland, Clough, Youngs, Newby



DATE	OPPONENT	KO	VENUE	RESULT
Sat 18 Aug 2012	Arsenal	11am	H	W 5 - 1
Sat 25 Aug 2012	Norwich City	11am	A	D 2 - 2
Sat 01 Sep 2012	West Ham United	11am	H	W 3 - 1
Sat 15 Sep 2012	Blackburn Rovers	11am	H	
Sat 22 Sep 2012	Reading	11am	A	
Sat 29 Sep 2012	Everton	11am	H	
Sat 06 Oct 2012	West Brom	11am	A	
Sat 20 Oct 2012	West Ham United	11am	A	
Sat 27 Oct 2012	Norwich City	11am	H	
Sat 03 Nov 2012	Arsenal	11am	A	
Sat 10 Nov 2012	Reading	11am	H	
Sat 17 Nov 2012	Blackburn Rovers	11am	A	
Sat 24 Nov 2012	Everton	11am	A	
Sat 01 Dec 2012	West Brom	11am	H	

LEAGUE TABLE

POS	CLUB	P	W	D	L	PTS
1	Bolton U18	3	2	1	0	7
2	Reading U18	3	2	1	0	7
3	Blackburn U18	3	2	1	0	7
4	West Ham U18	3	1	1	1	4
5	Arsenal U18	3	1	1	1	4
6	West Brom U18	3	1	0	2	3
7	Norwich U18	3	0	1	2	1
8	Everton U18	3	0	0	3	0



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David Ngog took another positive step in his recuperation from a recent back strain, completing the full game and scoring for Wanderers' Under-21 Development Squad in a 2-0 win over West Ham United at Upton Park last Monday evening.



Fielded as one of three permitted overage players, Ngog and fellow strike partner Jack Sampson both scored after half time to secure victory in the capital.

Against an experienced Hammers outfit containing the likes French international Alou Diarra and seasoned campaigner Gary O'Neil, Bolton dealt well with some early first-half pressure.

Goalkeeper Jay Lynch was on hand to comfortably keep out James Tomkins' header from a corner kick whilst George Moncur failed to capitalise on a rare defensive error from Wanderers.

Towering West Ham striker Paul McCallum was the focal point for the home side, and midway through the first period he bundled both Lynch and the ball over the goal-line only for the referee to cut short any celebrations by disallowing the goal.

From there on in, it was John Henry's youngsters who began to assume control of the game.

Either side of half time Hammers stopper Stephen Henderson was called into action following long-range drives from Dylan Wolstenholme and Ngog.

Then, after some clever interplay involving diminutive full-back Andy Kellett, Joe McKee cut infield before bending a 25-yard effort narrowly over the bar, as Bolton continued to turn to the screw.

And that pressure eventually paid dividends on the hour mark.

Sampson capitalised on some sloppy defending before lashing home a stunning 35-yard screamer into Henderson's bottom corner.

The home side did respond, however, as O'Neil fired over the bar from

point-blank range and Sebastian Lletget saw an effort from inside the area blocked following a chaotic goalmouth scramble.

But Bolton pressed ahead further doubled their lead on 79 minutes.

The ever-impressive Joe Riley picked out Sampson, whose shot cannoned off the face of Tomkins and fell at the feet of Ngog. The Frenchman adjusted well, before calmly converting the loose ball and ultimately securing three points for Wanderers.

West Ham United: Henderson, Driver (Wearen 75), Tomkins, Chambers, Fanimo, O'Neil, Lletget (Vose 75), Diarra, Moncur, Hall, McCallum (Unused substitutes: Larkins, Hunt, Powell)

Wanderers: Lynch, Riley, Kellett, McQuade, Threlkeld, Blakeman, McKee, Kelly (Maher 64), Ngog, Wolstenholme, Sampson (Unused substitutes: Fielding, Hampson, Odelusi, Eaves)



DATE	OPPONENT	KO	VENUE	RESULT
Mon 20 Aug 2012	Arsenal	7pm	A	L 1-3
Mon 27 Aug 2012	Norwich City	2pm	H	L 0-1
Mon 03 Sep 2012	West Ham United (Upton Park)	7pm	A	W 2-0
Fri 14 Sep 2012	Blackburn Rovers (Ewood Park)	7pm	A	
Mon 24 Sep 2012	Reading	7pm	H	
Sun 30 Sep 2012	Everton	1pm	A	
Mon 08 Oct 2012	West Brom (Reebok Stadium)	7pm	H	
Mon 22 Oct 2012	West Ham United	7pm	H	
Mon 29 Oct 2012	Norwich City (Norfolk FA)	2pm	A	
Mon 05 Nov 2012	Arsenal	7pm	H	
Mon 12 Nov 2012	Reading (Reading Training Ground)	1pm	A	
Mon 19 Nov 2012	Blackburn Rovers	7pm	H	
Mon 26 Nov 2012	Everton	7pm	H	
Mon 03 Dec 2012	West Brom (West Brom Training Ground)	2pm	A	

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JOE MCKEE

ENERGETIC MIDFIELDER IS OUT TO IMPRESS FOLLOWING HIS SUMMER SWITCH FROM LANCASHIRE NEIGHBOURS BURNLEY

WORDS: EMMA NORRIS

Despite being forced to miss the opening weeks of the campaign due to a hamstring injury, Joe McKee has made a relatively seamless transition into the Development Squad's new-look midfield.

After sitting out most of pre-season following his transfer to Bolton, McKee has featured with prominent effect, playing a key role in the recent 2-0 victory at Upton Park against West Ham United.

The youngster spent three years at Turf Moor but admitted that he had no hesitation in making the move to Bolton this summer, with manager Owen Coyle being his main reason for doing so.

"I knew the gaffer from my time at Burnley," the 19-year-old explained. "I spent six months with him before he moved to Bolton, which was definitely the best six months I've had in football.

"I was only 16 and he gave me the chance to play in the Premier Reserve League and train with the first team – that was massive for somebody of my age to experience.

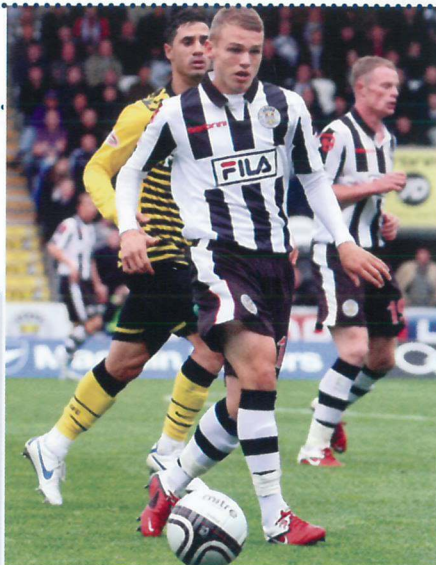
"He was just really inviting – he made you want to play, so when it fizzled out at Burnley and Bolton came in for me, it was a no brainer really.

"A lot of people know what kind of manager he is. At my age I just want to try and be the best player that I can be and I don't think there's a better manager that could get more out of me."

With his father Joe McKee Senior enjoying a brief spell with Celtic as a teenager, it was clear to the midfielder from a young age which direction his life would take.

The Glaswegian began his affiliation with the game at the age of seven with Dundee United, before joining Livingston at the age of 12.

His time at Almondvale was to prove to be a major turning point, with the Clarets taking the youngster to the Championship in the summer of 2009.



During last season he returned back north of the border for a four-month loan spell with St Mirren, which included a debut against eventual champions Celtic.

Despite his tender years however, McKee believes that the move to the North West three years ago was one that has ultimately helped his development as both a player and a young man.

"Having gone full time with Livingston a year early, I broke into the first team and made my debut when I was 16 so I was always in the changing room with men which meant that I matured quite quickly," he explained.

"When I moved to Burnley at first it was quite hard, but I made a lot of good friends there who I still keep in touch with now.

"The first month was quite tough and a bit of a reality check, but after that I settled in quickly and haven't looked back since."

As for what the coming campaign holds, the youngster is determined to give his all as he attempts to impress Development Coach John Henry and his backroom staff, before progressing further.

He added: "I've just got to get my head down and get games in with the Development Squad. It's just down to taking your chances when they come, be they through injuries or pure luck."



FACTFILE

Name: Joseph John Paul McKee

DOB: 31/10/1992

Place of Birth: Glasgow

Position: Midfielder

Former Clubs: Livingston, Burnley, St Mirren (loan)

Hobbies: Spending time with friends, resting up ahead of matches

Childhood Hero: Zinedine Zidane

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Bolton Wanderers promotions department would like to take this opportunity to welcome Sarah Mutholland on board.

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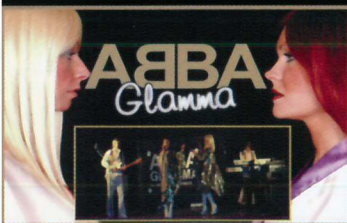
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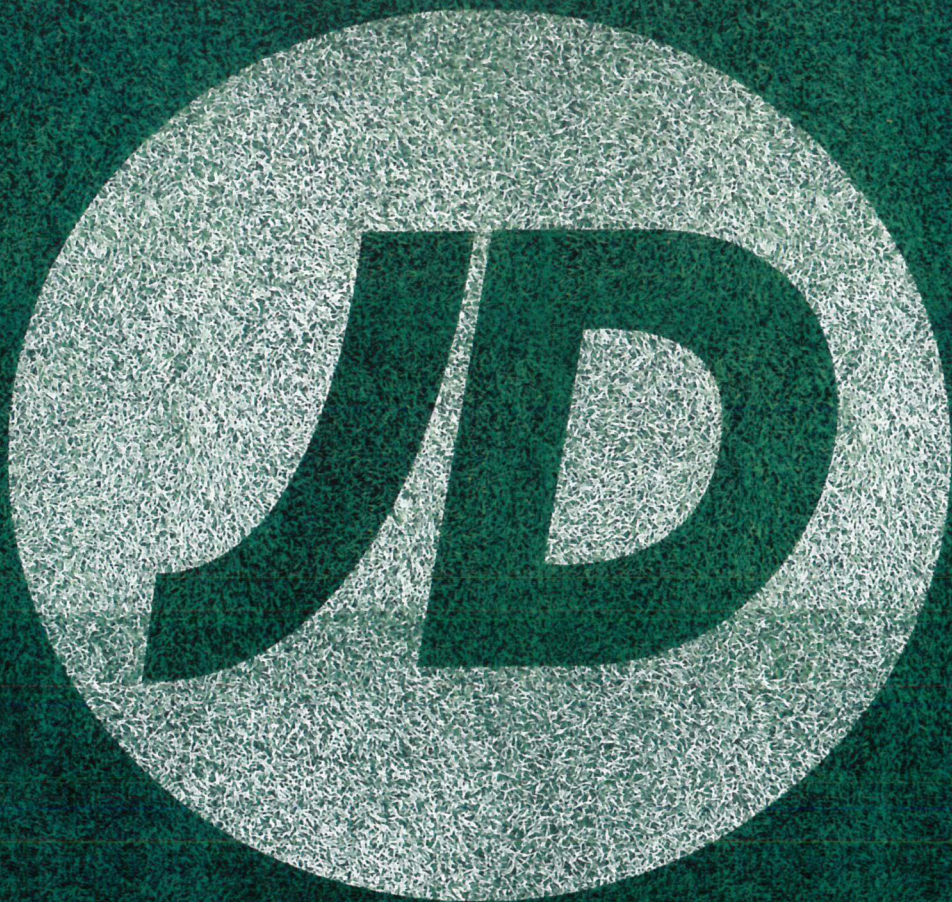


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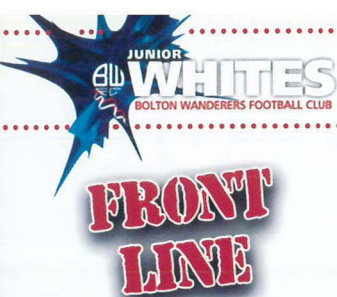


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WORDS: ROSS HEPPENSTALL

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Graham Taylor enjoys legendary status at Watford after two remarkably successful spells at Vicarage Road. But his long love affair with the beautiful game began many years earlier in the Scunthorpe United press box, of all places, in the company of his father.

Born in Westerham, Kent, Tom Taylor joined the Scunthorpe Evening Telegraph in 1946 and was its chief football writer until his retirement in 1983. He was known as 'The Poacher' in his early days, covering the fortunes of Scunthorpe when they were first admitted to the Football League in 1950, and their glory days in the Second Division from 1958 to 1964.

Tom passed away aged 88 in 2005, but his career had a lasting influence on his son.

Taylor, who celebrates his 68th birthday today, told the official matchday programme: "With my father being a sports journalist, working for the local newspaper in Scunthorpe, I would probably have gone into that line of work myself had I not had a career out of football. In

those days journalists used to write under pseudonyms and he was known as The Poacher. He did all sports – cricket, golf, the lot.

"Once Scunthorpe got into the Football League in the 1950s, that was his main thing on a Saturday and I often went with him in the press box. Some people say 'only a local journalist' but if you reported on Scunthorpe and they had lost and played badly then you could meet those players in the street afterwards. National journalists can criticise and don't meet those people sometimes.

"As a local journalist, you have to read it as you see it and be very honest and very strong. I'm well aware of a couple of occasions when my father was brought to task because he saw these people in the street. So when people say to me, 'only a local journalist', believe me it's often a lot more difficult to be a local journalist rather than a national one simply on the basis that you are likely to meet the people you have criticised in the previous night's article.

"So I've always had an interest in the media through my father's career in sports journalism and I have written



columns for the Daily Telegraph and Daily Express in the last few years, but my primary media commitments now are related to my radio work for BBC Radio Five Live. I'm contracted to do a certain number of games during the year, including England games."

Taylor received some criticism from the national newspapers during his spell as England manager but he enjoys a good relationship with the country's leading football writers nowadays.

20 years ago, Tomas Brodin's late goal sealed a famous win for the Euro 92 hosts, with one national newspaper running the iconic headline 'Swedes 2, Turnips 1' in the following day's edition. It was also the game which brought Gary Lineker's international career to a close with 48 goals to his name, just one behind England's all-time leading scorer Bobby Charlton.

Taylor recalled: "I'm part and parcel of the press pack now, I know them all. I believe because of my time as England manager there is a perception that my relationship with the national press has never been good. But it's not like that all; I have a very good relationship with nearly all of them.

"It's not so much the individual journalists I ever had a problem with; it's the headlines that are written in the office by people who don't meet anybody. If I was to have a complaint about journalism in this country it would be people who sit in the office and write the headlines. It's easy for them to hide.

"I was only 44 when I got the England job and if anything I look back now and wish it had come 20 years later at Roy Hodgson's age."

Taylor got the England job in 1990, succeeding Bobby Robson and leading the Three Lions to Sweden '92 before failing to guide them to the World Cup at USA 1994. He looks back now at that period of his life with more than a tinge of regret.



He explained: "The Premier League was just being formed in 1992 and things were okay up until we went to Sweden in the European Championships. We lost to Sweden and didn't progress but that was only my second defeat in my first 24 games as England manager. But not getting through the group stages and not qualifying for the 1994 World Cup meant I was treated most unfairly by the media after we lost to Sweden.

"A lot of the papers went big on the Gary Lineker substitution, saying it was a personal thing against Gary, and that annoyed me intensely. I wouldn't do that. I learnt a lot from the experience but things like the turnip on your head diminish your authority. Whilst I was being attacked personally none of the players were, but it diminishes your authority to the players and the media are aware of that.

"It was a great opportunity for them; we had lost to the host country, I had substituted my captain and leading scorer, and they made it into a personal issue as if I was trying to show who was the boss.

"That was made up and unfair, but that kind of treatment did have an effect on my authority. You're then looking to win every game. The competitive games are the ones to win."

Having grown up in the industrial steel town of Scunthorpe, Taylor became a player, playing at full-back for Grimsby Town and Lincoln City. He retired through injury in 1972 but then became a manager and coach, winning success with Lincoln, Watford and Aston Villa.

Taylor succeeded in rescuing and achieving promotion with all three clubs, leading Watford and Villa to runners-up positions to Liverpool in 1983 and 1990 respectively, while leading the former to an FA Cup final in 1984. Having been appointed as manager of Watford in 1977 by Hornets Chairman Elton John, Taylor went on to become one of the longest serving and most successful managers in League football.

Taylor said: "Elton John paid Lincoln £20,000 for my services, which in those days was a massive amount of money. I was under contract at Lincoln and Elton had to pay compensation which was a financial Godsend to Lincoln. I was £6,000 a year at Lincoln but Elton wanted me to go to Watford. What followed at Watford you couldn't write the script.



"Elton was a popstar who was making his name in America and I remember asking him what he expected of me. He offered me a five-year contract and I thought 'what does he expect?'"

"I was at Lincoln City in the third division and Watford were in the fourth division. He said 'I'd like to get into Europe' and I'm thinking 'this is crazy'. I shocked him by asking how much he thought



it would cost and he said 'well, what do you think?' I told him he wouldn't have much change out of £1million. We are talking early Seventies and he just said 'okay, we'll give it a go then'.

"When we finished runners-up to Liverpool, we got into the UEFA Cup so we had achieved it in the five years. Elton's expenditure was just over £760,000 of his own money during those five years. That was a big amount of money in those days, but to go from a mid-table Fourth Division table to a top-flight team who then got to the FA Cup final the following year gave Elton a pretty decent return on his investment.

"People talk about the first five years but in the following five years we never finished lower than 12th in the top flight. For me that was just as good as we got there in the first place."

He returned to Vicarage Road nine years after leaving Watford to become manager of Aston Villa for the first



time, and teamed up once more with Elton John.

Taylor added: "As it happened, Watford came back for me and we had more wonderful times in getting to the Premier League.

"I've been very fortunate in my career. I played for England senior schoolboys so I was expecting to have a decent career. I played in the lower divisions but the greater years of my time in football was in management.

"At Lincoln there was a promotion, at Watford there was so much success, the England situation didn't go well for me, I got Wolves into the play-offs, went back to Watford and then had a second spell at Aston Villa. But at Villa I saw things coming into the game that I didn't like, so I chose to step out of it. It was a bad decision to go back there and I shouldn't have done it.

"I am no longer non-executive chairman of Watford but I was responsible for the appointment of Sean Dyche. Under Sean they finished the highest they had for five years. I thought Sean did extremely well but he lost his job.

"The club has now been sold to the Pozzo family and I think they're in it for the long-term. I'm hoping the club can have a decent campaign because Watford will always have a special place in my heart."



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INTRODUCING... WATFORD



Founded: 1881

Nickname: The Hornets

Stadium: Vicarage Road (Capacity 18,214)

Manager: Gianfranco Zola

Record Signing: Nathan Ellington (£3.5million from West Bromwich Albion in 2007)

HONOURS:

Championship (Old Second Division)

Play-off Winners: 1999 & 2006

League One (Old Third Division)

Champions: 1969 & 1998

League Two (Old Fourth Division)

Champions: 1978

OPPOSITION SUMMARY

The Hornets will be hoping to improve on last season's 11th place finish under the management of former Chelsea and Italy star Gianfranco Zola.

The 46-year-old Italian, who replaced former boss Sean Dyche in July, has taken full advantage of the summer transfer window after bringing in the likes of Manuel Almunia from Arsenal and Fitz Hall from Queens Park Rangers, as well as a host of loan signings.

The Hertfordshire-based club is now under the ownership of the Pozzo family, who also have majority shareholdings in Udinese in Italy and Granada in Spain. As a result, Watford's squad currently contains no less than ten players on loan from Udinese and two from Granada.

Given the summer activity, the club will be confident of another top-half finish this term and possibly even a top-six berth and a potential route back to the Premier League having last played in that division during the 2006/07 campaign.

SPY IN THE CAMP

Matt Rowson, Editor of bhappy.org.uk, a supporters' web-based blog, expects Watford to be in hunt for the play-off places in the latter stages of the season.



He said: "Our new owners have set the admittedly unoriginal target of being an established Premier League club but haven't publicly put a timetable on that ambition. They've achieved the same in Italy and Spain with Udinese and Granada so best not be overly sceptical.

"I don't think failure to gain immediate promotion would be a disaster, at least half the division will be chasing the play-offs and I believe we'll be in that pack at worst.

"Czech international Daniel Pudil already looks like the best left back we've had at the club for a long time and Swiss midfielder Almen Abdi will dominate any midfield that affords him space to do so. Of our home-grown players, Sean Murray could be very special indeed."

Rowson expects a very difficult test from Owen Coyle's men at the Reebok and feels that Bolton are one of the favourites to gain promotion from the Championship.

He said: "Last season I thought Bolton were a little unlucky. Injuries and circumstances conspired and a lot of Watford fans were rooting for you purely out of self-interest with a 'staying up' clause reportedly built into Marvin Sordell's transfer fee.

"Bolton will be conscious that there are a lot of carcasses of 'clubs that used to be good' in this division and joining them is obviously a risk if you hang around too long. But from my distance Bolton have enough quality to bounce straight back.

"Bolton away looks like one of the toughest fixtures of the season for most of the division. We're more than good enough to capitalise if you have an off day though. We will retain the ball well and I fancy we'll get a bit more space both on the ball and behind an opponent's defence away from home than we will at Vicarage Road."



THE MANAGER

GIANFRANCO ZOLA

Born: Oliena (Sardinia), Italy

Date of Birth: 05/07/1966

One of the greatest Italian players of all time, Zola is best remembered for his playing career with Chelsea after previously plying his trade in the Italian leagues.

Having started out at clubs including Napoli and Parma, The former striker moved to

Stamford Bridge in 1996 and played just shy of 300 matches before moving back to Italy with Cagliari in 2003.

Zola, now 46, turned his hand to football management after taking charge of West Ham United in 2008 but after two seasons with The Hammers, Zola's contract was terminated and he was replaced by Avram Grant.

The Italian had been out of management since his spell at Upton Park until he was appointed the manager of Watford in July this year.

STAR MAN

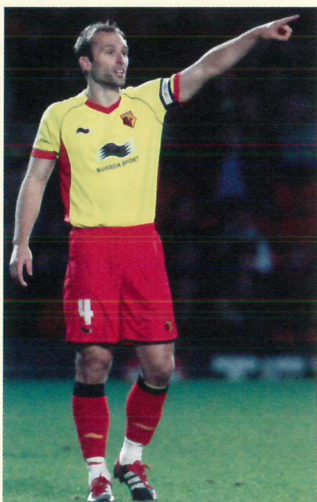
JOHN EUSTACE

Born: Solihull, England

Date of Birth: 03/11/1979

Position: Midfielder

Signed From: Stoke City (January 2008)



The club captain has made over 150 appearances for The Hornets since signing for £250,000 from Stoke City.

Eustace won the Players' Player of the Year Award in May 2010 as well as the Goal of the Season accolade for the 2010/11 season for his spectacular overhead kick against Coventry City.

The midfielder has enjoyed a long career after spells with Coventry City, Dundee United, Middlesbrough, Stoke City, Hereford and Derby County before moving to Vicarage Road.

Eustace, who is now aged 32, is contracted to remain at Watford until the end of the 2012/13 season.

THE ONE TO WATCH

ALMEN ABDI

Born: Prizren, Kosovo

Date of Birth: 21/10/1986

Position: Midfielder

Signed From: Udinese (July 2012- Season long loan)



One of the many loan signings from Udinese, Abdi has already impressed the Watford faithful after his first month with the club.

The Swiss international struck a late equaliser in the 3-2 victory over Crystal Palace last month and he doubled his tally for The Hornets with a goal from the penalty spot in the home win over Birmingham City.

Abdi started his career at FC Zurich where he made over 100 appearances and scored 31 goals. After six years in Zurich, the 25-year-old moved to Le Mans but failed to earn a first team place and subsequently moved to Udinese in 2010 before joining Watford on loan in the summer.



PLAYER PROFILES



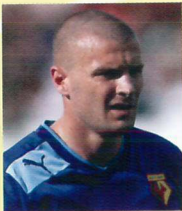
MANUEL ALMUNIA

Nationality: Spanish

Date of Birth: 19/05/1977

Position: Goalkeeper

Signed from Arsenal in the summer, Manuel Almunia has come to Vicarage Road with bags of experience after making nearly 200 league appearances for The Gunners. The 35-year-old made his debut for The Hornets in the League Cup win over Wycombe Wanderers last month. He has also represented eight Spanish clubs before moving to England with Arsenal in 2004.



CARL DICKINSON

Nationality: English

Date of Birth: 31/03/1987

Position: Defender

25-year-old defender Carl Dickinson is in his second season with Watford after making the switch from Stoke City in the summer of 2011. The tough tackling defender made 41 appearances for The Hornets in his first full season at the club, scoring two goals. Dickinson was with Stoke for the mainstay of his career, but also enjoyed loan spells at Blackpool, Leeds United, Barnsley and Portsmouth during that time.



FITZ HALL

Nationality: English

Date of Birth: 20/12/1980

Position: Defender

Nicknamed 'One Size', the 31-year-old central defender made the switch from Queens Park Rangers to Vicarage Road in the summer. The Londoner failed to make an appearance in August as he was still recovering from injury but he will add a wealth of experience to the Watford backline when he is back to full fitness. Hall is well-versed in the Football League having previously played for Barnet, Oldham Athletic, Southampton, Crystal Palace and Wigan Athletic.



MARK YEATES

Nationality: Irish

Date of Birth: 11/01/1985

Position: Midfielder

A regular under Sean Dyche in his debut season last year, Mark Yeates is likely to continue to be at the heart of the Watford midfield again this season. The Dublin-born player joined The Hornets from Sheffield United in July 2011 and he made his debut against Burnley on the opening day of last season. Yeates originally started out at Tottenham Hotspur but made only three league appearances at White Hart Lane.



MATEJ VYDRA

Nationality: Czech

Date of Birth: 01/05/1992

Position: Striker

At only 20 years of age, Matej Vydra is quickly becoming a fans' favourite at Vicarage Road after signing for The Hornets on a season-long loan from Italian giants Udinese in the summer. The Czech striker scored a 90th minute winner in Watford's opening game of the season away to Crystal Palace and he got his second for the club in the 2-0 win over Birmingham City on August 25.



JONATHAN HOGG

Nationality: English

Date of Birth: 06/12/1988

Position: Midfielder

23-year-old midfielder Jonathan Hogg, a summer signing from Aston Villa in 2011, made over 40 appearances for Watford in his debut season with the club. Hogg has previously had spells with Darlington and Portsmouth and looks set to be a key player for Gianfranco Zola in this year's campaign. He is contracted to remain with the Hornets until the summer of 2014.



CHRIS IWELUMO

Nationality: Scottish

Date of Birth: 01/08/1978

Position: Striker

Former Scotland international Chris Iwelumo started his playing days with St. Mirren back in 1995

and has scored over 100 goals in his career. A return of only four strikes in 40 appearances would, at a glance, look a disappointing return but Iwelumo played through large parts of his debut season with injuries having joined last summer. Now aged 34, Iwelumo has also played for and scored goals at Colchester United, Charlton Athletic, Wolverhampton Wanderers and Burnley.



CRAIG FORSYTH

Nationality: Scottish

Date of Birth: 24/02/1989

Position: Midfielder

Signed from Dundee in 2011, Craig Forsyth was former boss Sean Dyche's first recruit

following his appointment to the managerial hot-seat last summer. The youngster impressed in his first season at Vicarage Road after scoring five goals in 22 appearances. The 23-year-old also had spells with Arbroath and Montrose before crossing the border to join for The Hornets.



LLOYD DOYLEY

Nationality: English

Date of Birth: 01/12/1982

Position: Defender

A product of the Watford youth academy, versatile defender Lloyd Doyley made his debut for the

club against Birmingham City in 2001. He has only one goal to his name, a diving header against Queens Park Rangers in 2009, despite making over 350 appearances for the Vicarage Road outfit, but he will continue to be a favourite among the Watford faithful for the rest of his career.



DANIEL PUDIL

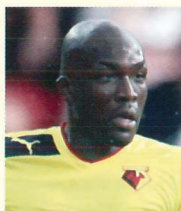
Nationality: Czech

Date of Birth: 27/09/1985

Position: Defender

Currently on loan from Spanish side Granada, Czech Republic international Daniel Pudil spent

the latter half of last season on loan at Cesena before signing a season-long loan deal for Gianfranco Zola's side. Born in Prague, Pudil has featured for the Czech Republic Under-19s and the Under-21s as well as the senior side.



NYRION NOSWORTHY

Nationality: English

Date of Birth: 11/10/1980

Position: Defender

Formerly of Gillingham, Sheffield United and Sunderland, defender Nyrion Nosworthy arrived at

Vicarage Road on loan in October 2011 as cover for the injured Martin Taylor. The centre-back went on to form a strong partnership with Taylor after signing permanently for Watford in January 2012. Nosworthy has also earned four caps for the Jamaica national team having only recently made his debut for the Reggae Boyz back in May 2012.



MARCO CASSETTI

Nationality: Italian

Date of Birth: 29/05/1977

Position: Defender

Now entering the twilight of his career, Marco Cassetti had played entirely in his homeland of Italy

before joining Watford on loan during the summer. Now 35, the right-back has been capped five times by the Azzurri, with his last appearance being back in 2008. Prior to joining Watford, he spent the last six years with Roma where he was a Coppa Italia winner in 2007 and 2008 and finished runner-up in Serie A on three occasions.



TEN-YEAR HISTORY

2002/03

Ray Lewington guided Watford to a mid-table finish in the First Division as well as an FA Cup semi-final in his first season in charge of the club.

League Position: 13th

2003/04

Financial constraints meant the club had to offload a number of key players including Allan Nielsen, but after a poor start The Hornets ended the campaign strongly.

League Position: 16th

2004/05

Lewington was replaced by Aidy Boothroyd in March after the club's form nosedived following an impressive start. A memorable run to semi-finals of the League Cup where Watford were eventually beaten by Liverpool helped to improve spirits at Vicarage Road.

League Position: 18th



2005/06

In his first full season in charge, Boothroyd guided Watford to a third place finish and they gained promotion to the Premier League after beating Leeds United 3-0 in the play-off final in Cardiff.

League Position: 3rd

2006/07

After recording only five league wins, Watford were relegated back to the Championship despite reaching the semi-finals of the FA Cup.

League Position: 20th



2008/09

Changes were aplenty at Vicarage Road as Boothroyd, Malky Mackay and Brendan Rodgers all took charge of The Hornets as they finished in the bottom half of the Championship table.

League Position: 13th

2007/08

An impressive league campaign saw Watford finish in the top six but they were beaten by Hull City in the play-off semi-finals.

League Position: 6th

2009/10

Malky Mackay was appointed as the new manager of the club but he failed to get Watford back into the hunt for promotion as they finished even further down the league table.

League Position: 16th

2010/11

Mackay could only lead Watford to a 14th place finish in his final season in charge despite a return of 27 goals in all competitions from Danny Graham.

League Position: 14th



2011/12

Despite losing star players including Danny Graham and Don Cowie, Sean Dyche led The Hornets to their first top half finish since the 2007/08 season.

League Position: 11th



CLUB LEGENDS



GRAHAM TAYLOR

(1977-1987, 1996-2001)

Nationality: English

Date of Birth: 15/09/1944

Position: Manager

Appointed as manager of the club by Elton John, Graham Taylor took The Hornets from the English Fourth Division to the First Division in only five seasons. Taylor continued to work wonders with Watford and led them to second place in their first season in the First Division in 1982/83 as well as guiding them to an FA Cup final in 1984 where they were beaten by

Everton at Wembley. He returned to the helm in 1996 and plotted their top-flight return when they beat Bolton in the play-off final at Wembley in 1999.



ROSS JENKINS

(1972-1983)

Nationality: English

Date of Birth: 04/11/1951

Position: Striker

Regarded as one of, if not the greatest ever striker to don the yellow jersey of Watford, Ross Jenkins scored 188 goals in just over 300 appearances for The Hornets. Jenkins played a huge role in one of Watford's most successful eras for the club as they went from the Fourth Division to the First Division in only five years.



LUTHER BLISSETT

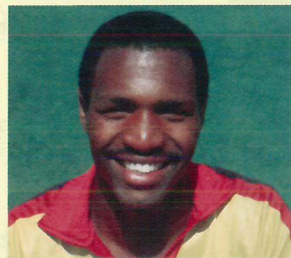
(1975-1983, 1984-1988 & 1991-1993)

Nationality: English

Date of Birth: 05/01/1962

Position: Striker

As Watford's all-time record appearance maker, after playing over 500 times for The Hornets, Luther Blissett enjoyed three separate spells at Watford where he scored a total of 186 goals. Despite being born in Jamaica, Blissett represented the England international side 14 times in the early 1980s and the striker will be remembered as one of Watford's greatest-ever players.



THE LAST LEAGUE MEETING

Date: 03/02/2007

Result: Watford 0-1 Bolton Wanderers

Venue: Vicarage Road

A 64th minute strike from Frenchman Nicolas Anelka was enough to earn The Trotters all three points in the last league encounter between the two sides. Gary Speed's corner was fumbled by goalkeeper Ben Foster and Anelka was on hand to lash the ball into the back of the net for his ninth goal of the 2006/07 season. The result left Aidy Boothroyd's side rooted to the bottom of the Premier League table.



NEIL COX

WORDS: WILL HUCKER

In this issue of the matchday programme, the focus is on Neil Cox. The defender joined Bolton in 1997 on a free transfer from Middlesbrough, making 94 appearances in just under three seasons at the Reebok Stadium.

Cox moved south to Vicarage Road in November 1999 – six months after Watford triumphed over Wanderers in the Division One play-off final at the old Wembley Stadium. He gave six years' service to Watford before winding down his career with Cardiff City, Crewe Alexandra and Leek Town.



Recollections With Bolton Wanderers...

"Middlesbrough had just played in the 1997 FA Cup final against Chelsea and I got a phone call from Colin Todd asking if I'd be interested in a move to Bolton. I was out of contract so there was no problem regarding a fee and, after speaking to Colin for five minutes, the deal was done.

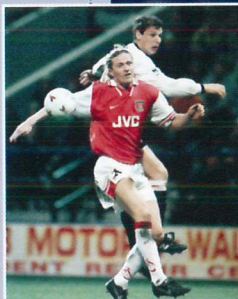
"Unfortunately we couldn't quite stay in the Premier League that year. The team tried so hard but we just didn't get the luck. The incident that sticks in my mind is that game against Everton where the ball was easily a foot over the line but the goal wasn't given.

"We were so disappointed and a bit bitter to be honest because we felt that we'd done enough as a team to stay in the Premier League. When you get promoted you need officials to be strong because when you are new to the division then the referee's decisions might not go in your favour as much as some of the more established teams.

"During my time at Bolton there was a superb team spirit. There were some big characters – Nathan Blake, Gerry Taggart, John Sheridan, Scott Sellars, and many more. It meant that there was a really good atmosphere and there weren't really any cliques in the dressing room. It was all about working for each other.

"I had a good time at Bolton, a great time actually. I spent just under three years there and my eldest daughter was born in the town, so I've got some very special memories of the place. It's a great club and the fans are absolutely fantastic. It was just a shame that I had to leave when I did.

"The circumstances at the time meant that the club was under a bit of pressure financially and had to get rid of some players as a result. Watford had made a bid for me and I didn't really want to go but the manager told me that the club needed some money, so that was that really.



"Watford tried to get me earlier at the start of that 1999/2000 season but, as I said, I was happy to stay at Bolton. The first contact was made just as the 1998/99 season had finished after the play-off final – where Watford beat Bolton oddly enough – but my aim was to get a new deal at Bolton.

"I was out of contract in May 2000 and I'd spoken to the club to see what the situation was but it appeared that nothing would be happening. So when the offer came in I was left with no option really and I knew it would be helping the club.

"Myself and my family didn't really want to leave but sometimes in football you don't always get the choice. I ended up joining Watford without too much enthusiasm, but it was a good football club to sign for and it meant that I got the opportunity to play in the Premier League again."



Recollections With Watford...

"Graham Taylor was the manager who signed me and, with both of us coming from Scunthorpe, we had met on many occasions before. I also knew his father really well as he was a local reporter for Scunthorpe.

"During my time at Watford I had my ups and downs. We ended up getting relegated from the Premier League in 2000 and at the start of my second season Gianluca Vialli was brought in.



"He made a decision to get rid of all the senior players, so on his first day in the job I was put on the transfer list. I managed to work my way back into the squad and the manager eventually took me off the transfer list. As it turned out, we eventually ended up getting on really well.

"The big problem that the club had was the financial issues due to ITV Digital going bust. A lot of Football League clubs were in the same situation in that they were not getting the money promised to them by ITV Digital. As a result, club could not afford to pay the wages.

"Watford had a lot of players on big salaries and they couldn't afford to pay them. It was difficult times but all we could do as players was get on with it really. Luca lost his job and Ray Lewington took over. Everyone at the club had to take pay cuts but the lads stuck together despite all the turmoil.

"You quickly realise how many people are affected; the staff in the offices, the people working at the ground and all the people behind the scenes who were on a lot less money than the footballers. There was that adversity to deal with and also the loss of Jimmy Davis, who died in a car crash on the way to a game after signing on loan from Manchester United. There were some difficult times but we got through it.

"When Aidy Boothroyd came in during 2004/05, he gave everyone a fair chance but over that summer he decided that I didn't have a future at the club. He wanted to bring in his own players – which I completely understood – so it was time to move on again."



The Present Day...

"After I finished playing in 2000, I helped out at Leek Town for a year. I went there and managed to cut their wage bill and keep them in the Evo-Stik Division One South, so I achieved what I set out to do there.

"Now I'm out looking for a job again, doing my badges and just seeing where things are going to go."





2012/2013

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AUGUST 2012													
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TUE 21	20:00	H	DERBY COUNTY	17,050	2	0	BOGDAN	MEARS	KNIGHT	MILLS	RICKETTS	C.Y. LEE	
FRI 24	19:45	H	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	17,361	2	2	BOGDAN	MEARS	KNIGHT	MILLS	RICKETTS	C.Y. LEE	
TUE 28	19:45	A	CRAWLEY TOWN CAP CUP R2	2,678	1	2	LONERGAN	ALONSO	KNIGHT	REAM	RILEY	PETROV	
SEPTEMBER 2012													
SAT 1	15:00	A	HULL CITY	15,304	1	3	BOGDAN	MEARS	KNIGHT	REAM	RICKETTS	C.Y. LEE	
SAT 15	15:00	H	WATFORD										
TUE 18	19:45	A	BIRMINGHAM CITY										
SAT 22	15:00	A	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY										
SAT 29	15:00	H	CRYSTAL PALACE										
OCTOBER 2012													
TUE 2	20:00	H	LEEDS UNITED										
SAT 6	15:00	A	MILLWALL										
SAT 20	15:00	H	BRISTOL CITY										
TUE 23	19:45	A	WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS										
SAT 27	15:00	A	MIDDLESBROUGH										
NOVEMBER 2012													
SAT 3	15:00	H	CARDIFF CITY										
TUE 6	20:00	H	LEICESTER CITY										
SAT 10	15:00	A	BLACKPOOL										
SAT 17	15:00	H	BARNSELY										
SAT 24	15:00	A	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION										
WED 28	19:45	A	BLACKBURN ROVERS										
DECEMBER 2012													
SAT 1	15:00	H	IPSWICH TOWN										
SAT 8	15:00	A	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN										
SAT 15	15:00	H	CHARLTON ATHLETIC										
SAT 22	15:00	A	PETERBOROUGH UNITED										
WED 26	15:00	H	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY										
SAT 29	15:00	H	BIRMINGHAM CITY										
JANUARY 2013													
TUE 1	15:00	A	LEEDS UNITED										
SAT 5			FA CUP ROUND THREE										
SAT 12	15:00	H	MILLWALL										
SAT 19	15:00	A	CRYSTAL PALACE										
SAT 26	15:00	H	PETERBOROUGH UNITED										
SAT 26			FA CUP ROUND FOUR										
FEBRUARY 2013													
SAT 2	15:00	A	WATFORD										
SAT 9	15:00	H	BURNLEY										
SAT 16	15:00	A	NOTTINGHAM FOREST										
SAT 16			FA CUP ROUND FIVE										
TUE 19	19:45	A	DERBY COUNTY										
SAT 23	15:00	H	HULL CITY										
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SAT 2	15:00	A	BARNSELY										
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SAT 9			FA CUP ROUND SIX										
SAT 16	15:00	A	IPSWICH TOWN										
SAT 30	15:00	A	CHARLTON ATHLETIC										
APRIL 2013													
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SAT 6	15:00	H	WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS										
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SAT 13			FA CUP ROUND SEMI-FINAL										
TUE 16	19:45	A	LEICESTER CITY										
SAT 20	15:00	H	MIDDLESBROUGH										
SAT 27	15:00	A	CARDIFF CITY										
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SAT 4	15:00	H	BLACKPOOL										
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Key: Goalscorers in **Bold** • Yellow Card • Red Card • First Sub • Second Sub • Third Sub



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C IS FOR...

WORDS: ROB URBANI

THE GROUNDS

**Carrow Road**

Trips to Norfolk have generally not proved fruitful for Bolton in recent years, with the Whites winning just once in their last six visits. That result was back in November 2000, where goals from Michael Ricketts and Gudni Bergsson secured a 2-0 win. Wanderers' first game at Carrow Road was in December 1934.

County Ground

Back in 1995, Wanderers travelled to the County Ground to play Swindon Town in the Coca-Cola Cup semi-final first leg. Hopes of reaching Wembley were looking relatively slim following a 2-1 defeat after a Peter Thorne double. However, Bruce Rioch's side turned on the style in the return leg at Burnden Park, with goals from Jason McAteer, Mixu Paatelainen and John McGinlay ensuring Bolton progressed to play Liverpool with a 3-1 win, 4-3 on aggregate.

**Cardiff City Stadium**

Bolton's first trip to the Cardiff City Stadium will be for the final away Championship fixture of the season on Saturday 27 April. The Bluebirds moved to their 26,500 capacity new home in July 2009 having played previously at Ninian Park, which has now been demolished and turned into a housing estate.



C IS ALSO FOR...

Captain



Kevin Davies is the current incumbent of the armband at the football club after being appointed as the skipper back in January 2009. Other captains in the club's recent history include Kevin Nolan, Jay-Jay Okocha, Gudni Bergsson, Alan Stubbs and Phil Brown.

Chant

What is your favourite chant when you follow the Wanderers, be it home or away? 'Burnden Aces', 'We are the one and only Wanderers', 'Come on you Whites' or 'Owen Coyle's Super White Army'?



THE PLAYERS

Matt Clarke

When Bolton were hit with a goalkeeper crisis in the second half of the 2000/01 season, Matt Clarke was the man who joined on loan to play his part in the successful promotion quest. Jussi Jaaskelainen, Steve Banks, Tommy Wright and Juergen Sommer had all been suffering from either injury or loss of form, meaning that Clarke came to the rescue in the last eight matches of the season having joined on a short-term deal from Bradford City. He signed for Crystal Palace in the summer of 2001 but was forced into early retirement through a persistent knee injury three years later, aged just 30.



Ivan Campo

The classy Spaniard originally joined Wanderers on loan from Real Madrid in 2003 as a centre-half. Two games later he was shifted to central midfield where he became a virtual ever-present during his five years at the club. Few will forget his 45-yard strike against Tottenham Hotspur on the opening day of the 2006/07 campaign. He said his farewells to the Bolton fans when returning to play in Jussi Jaaskelainen's testimonial in the summer of 2009.



Gary Cahill



A player who needs little introducing, Gary Cahill only departed the Reebok in January for a fee believed to be in the region of £7million. During his four-year stay with Bolton, the 26-year-old established himself a full international and, indeed, became the first Wanderers player to score for England since Ray Parry in 1959 when he netted against Bulgaria. Fittingly, Cahill signed off from duty with Bolton by scoring the winner in the 2-1 victory at Everton in January. He has since won the FA Cup and Champions League at Stamford Bridge.

Centre Spot



This photograph might just look like a piece of wood stuck in the middle of a field in Horwich, however it marks the current centre spot at the Reebok Stadium. Taken back in 1995, this picture indicates the start of the construction of the £31million home of the football club which was completed in 1997.

Commentator

The name Dave Higson will always put a smile on the face of Bolton supporters. The voice behind the Roadrunner videos in the 1980s and 1990s, Dave had a unique and eccentric style which earned him cult status amongst the Wanderers fanbase. Such was his popularity, he even made a couple of cameos on the Fantasy Football show with Frank Skinner and David Baddiel. Sadly, Dave passed away in 2005.





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3	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	4	2	2	0	6	4	2	8
4	BRIGHTON	4	2	1	1	8	3	5	7
5	HULL CITY	4	2	1	1	4	2	2	7
6	SHEFFIELD WED	4	2	1	1	9	8	1	7
7	LEEDS UNITED	4	2	1	1	7	6	1	7
8	CARDIFF CITY	4	2	1	1	6	5	1	7
9	BRISTOL CITY	4	2	0	2	8	5	3	6
10	LEICESTER CITY	4	2	0	2	5	4	1	6
11	MILLWALL	4	2	0	2	7	7	0	6
12	MIDDLESBROUGH	4	2	0	2	6	7	-1	6
13	WATFORD	4	2	0	2	6	8	-2	6
14	BARNLEY	4	2	0	2	4	8	-4	6
15	DERBY COUNTY	4	1	2	1	8	6	2	5
16	HUDDERSFIELD	4	1	2	1	5	4	1	5
17	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	4	1	2	1	4	4	0	5
18	IPSWICH TOWN	4	1	2	1	4	9	-5	5
19	WOLVES	4	1	1	2	5	6	-1	4
20	BOLTON WANDERERS	4	1	1	2	5	7	-2	4
21	BIRMINGHAM CITY	4	1	1	2	4	6	-2	4
22	BURNLEY	4	1	0	3	5	8	-3	3
23	CRYSTAL PALACE	4	1	0	3	6	10	-4	3
24	PETERBOROUGH	4	0	0	4	2	7	-5	0

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NOTTM FOREST v BIRMINGHAM - 3PM

SUNDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

WOLVES v LEICESTER 1:15PM

PLAYER STATISTICS

PLAYER	LEAGUE	LEAGUE CUP	FA CUP	TOTAL	PLAYER	LEAGUE	LEAGUE CUP	FA CUP	TOTAL
01 ADAM BOGDAN	4(0)0	0(0)0	0(0)0	4(0)0	18 SAM RICKETTS	4(0)0	0(0)0	0(0)0	4(0)0
02 TYRONE MEARS	4(0)0	0(0)0	0(0)0	4(0)0	19 MARVIN SORDELL	3(1)1	0(1)0	0(0)0	3(2)1
03 MARCOS ALONSO	0(0)0	1(0)0	0(0)0	1(0)0	20 JAY SPEARING	1(0)0	0(0)0	0(0)0	1(0)0
04 MATT MILLS	2(0)0	0(0)0	0(0)0	2(0)0	21 DARREN PRATLEY	0(1)0	0(1)0	0(0)0	0(2)0
05 TIM REAM	2(0)0	1(0)0	0(0)0	3(0)0	22 STUART HOLDEN	0(0)0	0(0)0	0(0)0	0(0)0
07 CHRIS EAGLES	3(1)3	0(0)0	1(0)0	4(1)3	23 JOE RILEY	0(0)0	1(0)0	0(0)0	1(0)0
08 KEITH ANDREWS	4(0)0	0(0)0	5(0)0	5(0)0	24 ANDY LONERGAN	0(0)0	1(0)0	0(0)0	1(0)0
09 DAVID NGOG	0(0)0	0(0)0	0(0)0	0(0)0	25 JOSHUA VELA	0(0)0	1(0)0	0(0)0	1(0)0
10 MARTIN PETROV	1(0)0	1(0)0	0(0)0	2(0)0	26 ROB LAINTON	0(0)0	0(0)0	0(0)0	0(0)0
11 GREGG WYLDE	0(0)0	0(0)0	0(0)0	0(0)0	27 CHUNG-YONG LEE	4(0)0	0(0)0	0(0)0	4(0)0
12 ZAT KNIGHT	4(0)0	1(0)0	0(0)0	5(0)0	30 MICHAEL O'HALLORAN	0(0)0	0(0)0	0(0)0	0(0)0
14 KEVIN DAVIES	4(0)1	0(1)0	0(0)0	4(1)1	31 DAVID WHEATER	0(0)0	0(0)0	0(0)0	0(0)0
16 MARK DAVIES	4(0)0	1(0)0	0(0)0	5(0)0	34 JAY LYNCH	0(0)0	0(0)0	0(0)0	0(0)0
17 BENIK AFOBE	0(4)0	1(0)1	0(0)0	1(4)1					

STARTS [SUBS] GOALS



JACK DEARDEN

THE BBC RADIO MANCHESTER COMMENTATOR CONTINUES
HIS COLUMN IN THE MATCHDAY PROGRAMME



Obviously the transfer deadline passed couple of weeks ago and I've got to say that there were a few deals that particularly caught my eye.

One piece of business that I have got to credit is the signature of Jay Spearing for Wanderers because it looks like a shrewd move from Owen Coyle in my view. So far he's only played 90 minutes in a white shirt but I've already seen enough to suggest that he will be a key recruit.

He has already talked about the possibility of going back to Liverpool once his loan spell finishes but he obviously had a choice to make about joining Bolton for the season a couple of weeks ago. He would have looked at the situation and felt that, quite simply, it would have been better for his development to go and play regular first team football.



Some people might think it's a backwards step to leave Liverpool and go out on loan but he's a professional footballer. What good does it do him to be sat on the substitutes' bench for 30 games this season? He's a footballer, that's his profession and I'm sure he wants to do his job.

Saying that though, if I'm being truthful then I'm surprised that Liverpool let him go, especially given the way they have started the season. But in terms of the Championship this year, he has got to be one of the best midfielders around and, providing he stays fit, this will be a good deal for all involved.

Moving on, I'm actually away for today's game but I'll be returning to the commentary box for the forthcoming matches at Birmingham City and Sheffield Wednesday over the next week.

St Andrew's...well, I don't particularly have fond memories of visiting that ground.. I recall working a match there about six or seven years ago and this was at a time when the commentary position was on the gantry in which you had to climb a dodgy, rickety old ladder to get up to it.

After setting up all my equipment – which isn't the easiest of jobs – the game was postponed about an hour before kick-off due to fog. To compound things, I then smashed my head on a big iron girder shortly after the announcement regarding the match had been made. It summed everything up. Fortunately they have now moved the radio press box at St Andrew's but I'm sure I'm not the only broadcaster who had problems with that daft old ladder!

We then go to play Sheffield Wednesday at Hillsborough and it's quite poignant that we make our trip there in light of all the stories that have emerged in the news over the last week relating to the 96 people who lost their lives in the FA Cup semi-final in 1989. There's no doubt that these findings will add some emotion to the game.



Hillsborough is very much a traditional football ground and Sheffield Wednesday have a big, loyal fan base. I imagine their support will make it a loud and daunting atmosphere but I'm sure it's a game a lot of Bolton fans are eagerly awaiting, simply because they haven't been there for such a long time.

I for one am definitely looking forward to visiting Hillsborough more than St Andrew's – providing there are no ladders!

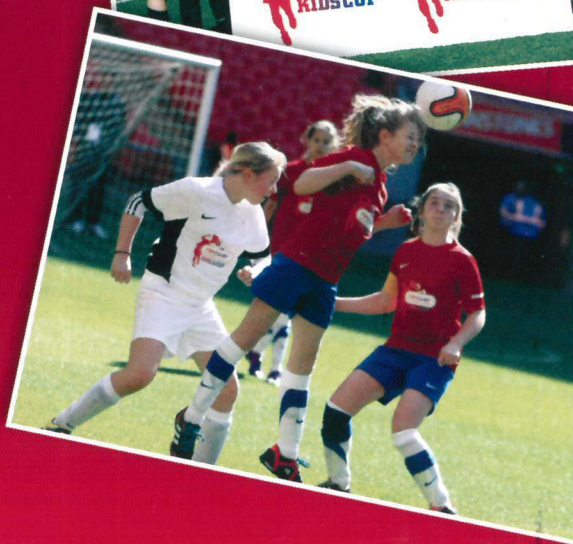
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2 LEE HODSON

3 CARL DICKINSON

4 JOHN EUSTACE

5 NEUTON PICCOLI

6 FITZ HALL

7 MARK YEATES

8 JONATHAN HOGG

9 TROY DEENEY

10 CHRIS IWELUMO

11 CRAIG FORSYTH

12 LLOYD DOYLEY

13 STEVE BELECK

14 ROSS JENKINS

15 STEPHEN MCGINN

16 SEAN MURRAY

18 DANIEL PUDIL

19 PRINCE BUABEN

20 MATEJ VYDRA

21 IKECHI ANYA

22 ALMEN ABDI

23 PIERO MINGOIA

24 MATTHEW WHICHELOW

25 JOE GARNER

28 CONNOR SMITH

30 JONATHAN BOND

31 TOMMIE HOBAN

32 AARON TUMWA

33 NYRON NOSWORTHY

34 JACK BONHAM

35 STEPHAN HAMILTON-FORBES

38 CRISTIAN BATTOCCHIO

39 NATHANIEL CHALOBAN

40 JOEL EKSTRAND

41 FERNANDO FORESTIERI

42 JEAN-ALAIN FANCHONE

NEXT FIVE GAMES...

TUE 18 SEP - BIRMINGHAM CITY V BOLTON WANDERERS (7.45PM)

SAT 22 SEP - SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY V BOLTON WANDERERS (3PM)

SAT 29 SEP - BOLTON WANDERERS V CRYSTAL PALACE (3PM)

TUE 2 OCT - BOLTON WANDERERS V LEEDS UNITED (8PM)

SAT 6 OCT - MILLWALL V BOLTON WANDERERS (3PM)

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